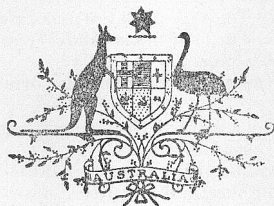


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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding Full-blood Australian Aborigines).						
		Census—30th June, 1933.			Estimated 30th June, 1943. (a)			Popu- lation— Capital Cities, 31st Dec., 1940.
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,432,138	1,426,135	2,858,273	1,310,530
Victoria	87,884	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	983,021	998,858	1,981,879	1,076,700
Q'land	670,500	497,217	450,317	947,534	541,213	505,576	1,046,789	335,520
S. Aust.	380,070	290,962	289,987	580,949	304,825	307,334	612,159	(b) 330,000
W. Aust.	975,920	233,937	204,915	438,852	239,649	228,489	468,138	228,000
Tasmania	26,215	115,097	112,502	227,599	121,916	119,618	241,534	66,620
N. Terr.	523,620	3,378	1,472	4,850	7,196	3,033	10,229	3,900
A.C.T. . .	939	4,805	4,142	8,947	5,573	5,290	10,863	11,000
Total ..	2,974,581	3,367,111	3,262,728	6,629,839	3,635,531	3,594,333	7,229,864	3,362,270

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Approximate.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

31st Dec.—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b)	Australia.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	..	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	..	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,972	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,500,751
1938	2,735,695	1,873,760	1,004,150	595,109	462,461	241,407	5,645	11,464	6,929,691
1939	2,764,782	1,886,356	1,018,477	598,463	467,376	242,422	7,187	12,263	6,997,326
1940	2,789,123	1,918,774	1,029,613	598,091	468,311	243,057	8,852	12,868	7,068,689
1941	2,812,321	1,952,153	1,036,830	605,689	467,082	241,171	9,615	12,361	7,137,222
1942	2,848,574	1,969,977	1,036,479	610,271	469,910	241,437	8,143	11,831	7,196,622

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b)	Australia.
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,765	..	3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,005	3,403	..	4,370,185
1920	2,067,715	1,512,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,359,142
1930	2,532,289	1,786,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,933	4,979	8,961	6,466,019
1938	2,721,196	1,867,818	1,000,749	592,579	459,977	235,678	5,726	11,124	6,894,847
1939	2,749,134	1,881,942	1,013,327	596,137	465,042	238,901	6,273	11,990	6,961,846
1940	2,776,154	1,903,941	1,024,807	598,222	468,005	240,243	8,244	12,745	7,032,361
1941	2,799,155	1,937,133	1,034,799	600,335	467,992	239,417	10,140	13,081	7,102,052
1942	2,831,021	1,965,998	1,034,322	608,308	470,100	240,119	8,803	12,191	7,170,862

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results.

(b) Prior to 1911 part of New South Wales.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

Quarter ended 30th September, 1943.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.(a)			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
New South Wales	7,977	7,662	15,639	4,857	3,991	8,848	5,770
Victoria..	5,444	5,152	10,596	3,467	3,036	6,503	4,192
Queensland ..	3,333	3,217	6,550	1,879	1,505	3,384	2,382
South Australia ..	1,814	1,726	3,540	1,050	902	1,952	1,371
Western Australia	1,386	1,324	2,710	813	546	1,359	962
Tasmania ..	794	710	1,504	395	356	751	430
Northern Territory	8	10	18	11	..	11	15
Australian Capital Territory ..	56	54	110	14	3	17	20
Total ..	20,812	19,855	40,667	12,486	10,339	22,825	15,142

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

State or Territory.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	First Nine Months of—	
					1942.	1943.

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	48,003	49,382	51,729	52,647	40,355	42,474
Victoria ..	30,493	31,962	34,406	35,927	27,362	28,626
Queensland ..	20,348	20,412	21,519	21,166	16,329	17,395
South Australia ..	9,618	10,017	10,965	11,278	8,687	9,867
Western Australia ..	9,036	9,121	10,118	9,901	7,697	7,569
Tasmania ..	5,004	4,994	5,206	5,305	3,963	3,991
Northern Territory ..	138	173	216	92	78	55
Australian Capital Territory	251	286	366	392	307	277
Total ..	122,891	126,347	134,525	136,708	104,778	110,254

BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

					(a)	(a)
New South Wales ..	17.46	17.79	18.48	18.60	19.00	19.81
Victoria ..	16.20	16.79	17.76	18.27	18.56	19.26
Queensland ..	20.08	19.92	20.80	20.46	21.05	22.16
South Australia ..	16.13	16.74	18.26	18.54	19.04	21.49
Western Australia ..	19.43	19.49	21.62	21.06	21.83	21.56
Tasmania ..	21.02	20.79	21.75	22.09	22.01	22.03
Northern Territory ..	21.94	20.98	21.30	10.45	11.81	7.17
Australian Capital Territory	20.93	22.44	27.98	32.15	33.58	34.00
Total ..	17.65	17.96	18.94	19.06	19.48	20.33

(a) Equivalent annual rate.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	First Nine Months of—	
					1942.	1943.

DEATHS(a)—NUMBER.

New South Wales	26,815	26,143	27,300	29,219	22,387	22,166
Victoria	20,169	20,293	20,522	21,973	16,725	16,327
Queensland	9,530	9,203	9,530	9,622	7,363	8,255
South Australia	5,739	5,708	6,288	6,712	5,222	5,029
Western Australia	4,336	4,486	4,769	5,076	3,798	3,517
Tasmania	2,426	2,387	2,575	2,430	1,810	1,933
Northern Territory	88	86	122	83	69	34
Australian Capital Territory	44	78	70	76	56	46
Total	69,147	68,384	71,176	75,191	57,430	57,307

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

					(a)	(a)
New South Wales	9.76	9.42	9.75	10.32	10.54	10.34
Victoria	10.72	10.66	10.59	11.18	11.34	10.98
Queensland	9.40	8.98	9.21	9.30	9.50	10.51
South Australia	9.63	9.54	10.47	11.03	11.45	10.95
Western Australia	9.32	9.59	10.19	10.80	10.77	10.02
Tasmania	10.19	9.94	10.76	10.12	10.05	10.67
Northern Territory	13.99	10.43	12.03	9.43	10.45	4.43
Australian Capital Territory	3.67	6.12	5.35	6.23	6.12	5.65
Total	9.93	9.72	10.02	10.49	10.68	10.57

(a) Equivalent annual rate.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales	25,471	30,364	29,983	34,533	26,578	19,754
Victoria	17,368	22,299	20,898	23,636	18,370	13,831
Queensland	9,108	10,287	9,885	11,722	8,916	7,485
South Australia	5,670	6,950	6,855	8,129	6,337	4,843
Western Australia	4,195	5,234	5,077	5,441	4,254	3,433
Tasmania	2,264	2,476	2,150	2,431	1,808	1,644
Northern Territory	85	154	179	53	52	37
Australian Capital Territory	88	125	121	115	98	70
Total	64,249	77,889	75,148	86,060	66,413	51,097

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	First Nine Months of—	
					1942.	1943.

MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

					(a)	(a)
New South Wales	9.27	10.94	10.02	12.20	12.52	9.21
Victoria	9.23	11.71	10.79	12.02	12.46	9.30
Queensland	8.99	10.04	9.55	11.33	11.49	9.53
South Australia	9.51	11.62	11.42	13.36	13.89	10.55
Western Australia	9.02	11.18	10.85	11.57	12.07	9.78
Tasmania	9.51	10.31	8.98	10.12	10.04	9.08
Northern Territory	13.51	18.68	17.65	6.02	7.88	4.82
Australian Capital Territory	7.34	9.81	9.25	9.43	10.72	8.59
Total	9.23	11.08	10.58	12.00	12.35	9.42

(a) Equivalent annual rate.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales	1,969	1,927	2,264	2,116	1,596	1,592
Victoria	1,085	1,261	1,246	1,497	1,093	1,064
Queensland	722	721	842	736	564	683
South Australia	336	356	356	448	340	394
Western Australia	369	403	357	365	263	261
Tasmania	203	176	255	225	176	170
Northern Territory	8	8	18	4	3	5
Australian Capital Territory	6	3	6	9	7	5
Total	4,698	4,855	5,344	5,400	4,042	4,174

INFANTILE MORTALITY—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

New South Wales	41.02	39.02	43.77	40.17	39.55	37.48
Victoria	35.58	39.45	36.21	41.67	39.94	37.16
Queensland	35.48	35.32	39.13	34.73	34.54	39.26
South Australia	34.93	35.54	32.47	39.72	39.14	39.93
Western Australia	40.84	44.18	35.28	36.86	34.17	34.48
Tasmania	40.57	35.24	48.98	42.41	44.40	42.59
Northern Territory	57.97	46.24	83.33	43.48	38.46	90.90
Australian Capital Territory	23.90	10.49	16.39	22.96	22.80	18.05
Total	38.23	38.43	39.72	39.49	38.57	37.86

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	171,974	122,535	294,509	183,543
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,058
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	(a)10,886
1936-40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1937 ..	35,123	34,679	69,802	32,161	32,438	64,599	5,203
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1939 ..	37,719	37,366	75,085	31,491	29,703	61,194	13,891
1940 ..	19,296	19,307	38,603	13,998	11,205	25,203	13,400
1941 ..	11,861	10,800	22,661	10,063	7,414	17,477	5,184
1942 ..	6,295	5,971	12,266	3,059	3,041	6,100	6,166

(a) Excess of Departures over Arrivals.

Section II.—Production.
PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.
AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1937-38 ..	13,734,951	1,408,422	320,207	2,982,465	369,896	21,951,731
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1939-40 ..	13,285,005	1,681,962	311,812	2,998,642	374,967	22,249,512
1940-41 ..	12,644,646	1,722,902	362,871	2,353,506	371,623	21,117,830
1941-42 ..	12,003,483	1,460,472	301,360	2,756,045	(a) 362,478	20,427,646
1942-43 ..	9,280,345	1,496,913	285,194	2,359,099	329,047	17,519,532

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38 ..	187,255,673	17,165,061	6,816,612	3,423,753	5,494,610	810,319
1938-39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086
1939-40 ..	210,487,306	25,301,980	6,560,065	4,158,064	6,313,369	928,621
1940-41 ..	82,233,324	10,199,218	9,192,744	2,177,470	5,523,416	806,457
1941-42 ..	166,712,865	22,302,478	7,436,174	2,573,168	5,153,670	745,980
1942-43 ..	155,727,983	20,984,148	6,970,108	3,116,422	4,645,901	(a) 625,000

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.(b)	Tons.(b)
1937-38 ..	13.63	12.19	21.29	1.15	21.48	3.17
1938-39 ..	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.13
1939-40 ..	15.84	15.04	21.04	1.39	23.15	3.41
1940-41 ..	6.50	5.92	25.33	0.93	20.29	2.95
1941-42 ..	13.89	15.27	24.68	(a) 1.30	(a) 20.25	2.93
1942-43 ..	16.78	14.02	24.44	1.28	19.26	(a) 2.59

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Per acre of productive crop.

AREA OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1937-38	4,464,664	2,686,057	372,935	3,161,739	3,026,420	21,081	2,055	13,734,951
1938-39	4,650,872	2,748,362	442,017	3,080,401	3,412,818	9,849	2,061	14,346,380
1939-40	4,380,595	2,827,417	362,044	2,734,595	2,970,411	7,495	2,448	13,285,005
1940-41	4,453,963	2,672,728	322,081	2,560,390	2,625,401	8,038	2,045	12,644,646
1941-42	3,968,758	2,757,080	290,801	2,325,717	2,653,419	6,414	1,294	12,003,483
1942-43	3,032,946	2,145,156	334,785	2,009,027	1,753,178	4,128	1,125	9,280,345

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1937-38	55,104,000	48,173,191	3,749,443	43,428,423	36,224,800	526,007	49,808	187,255,673
1938-39	59,898,000	18,104,369	8,583,736	31,674,418	36,843,600	205,263	59,255	155,368,621
1939-40	76,552,000	45,054,592	6,794,906	41,071,696	40,861,000	107,719	45,398	210,487,306
1940-41	23,933,100	13,521,422	5,687,350	17,856,118	21,060,000	140,375	34,959	82,233,324
1941-42	48,500,000	46,953,840	3,079,898	30,511,112	37,500,000	145,191	22,824	166,712,865
1942-43	51,093,045	41,803,107	5,005,065	36,525,459	20,600,000	73,320	27,987	155,727,983

Principal Crops—Australia—continued.

AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1937-38	12.34	17.93	10.05	13.74	11.97	24.95	24.24	13.63
1938-39	12.88	6.59	19.42	10.28	10.79	20.84	28.74	10.83
1939-40	17.48	15.93	18.77	15.02	13.76	14.37	18.54	15.84
1940-41	5.37	5.06	17.66	6.97	8.02	17.46	17.09	6.50
1941-42	12.22	17.03	10.59	13.12	14.13	17.92	17.64	13.89
1942-43	17.04	19.49	14.95	18.18	11.75	17.76	24.88	16.78

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land. (a)	S. Aust. (a)	W. Aust. (a)	Tasmania. (a)	N.Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
SHEEP.									
1938	61,568,181	18,863,467	22,497,970	8,904,402	8,732,076	2,520,950	26,856	263,616	113,372,518
1939	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,901	245,540	111,057,832
1940	54,372,472	18,251,370	24,190,931	9,940,570	9,574,433	2,677,120	38,587	259,408	119,305,591
1941	55,568,000	20,412,362	23,936,099	10,263,423	9,516,272	2,682,375	33,703	281,791	122,694,025
1942	56,737,000	20,598,201	25,196,245	10,245,894	9,722,780	2,398,201	28,245	262,563	125,189,129
1943c	56,043,598	19,614,040	25,650,281	10,370,565	10,424,385	2,226,906	34,603	250,344	124,614,672

CATTLE.

1938	2,019,581	1,880,429	5,959,165	324,163	740,241	254,812	891,640	8,325	13,078,356
1939	2,811,384	1,697,295	6,097,089	318,697	767,680	262,407	899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1940	2,762,653	1,787,597	6,198,798	351,013	799,175	252,434	922,581	5,879	13,080,180
1941	2,769,061	1,922,336	6,210,810	376,654	788,928	259,103	922,308	6,696	13,255,841
1942	2,878,450	1,986,544	6,303,467	399,143	839,731	(b) 253,106	892,881	7,432	13,560,754
1943c	3,030,546	2,022,892	6,466,316	424,253	831,231	244,681	978,434	6,967	14,005,320

HORSES.

1938	528,625	359,106	445,916	197,334	151,067	31,578	31,662	1,225	1,746,618
1939	531,355	343,828	444,521	195,334	143,674	30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1940	594,837	326,217	444,956	190,013	139,207	29,605	32,721	1,241	1,698,797
1941	531,776	318,441	441,770	182,206	130,057	29,406	30,716	1,244	1,666,616
1942	525,697	302,401	431,363	171,092	124,402	(b) 23,612	26,209	1,283	1,611,059
1943c	483,277	292,534	392,639	164,855	112,782	27,077	43,663	1,143	1,517,970

PIGS.

1938	356,765	285,259	232,941	66,647	64,698	43,067	338	417	1,100,083
1939	377,344	252,462	325,326	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	573	1,155,591
1940	451,004	297,655	391,333	119,660	149,604	44,941	493	601	1,455,341
1941	507,738	397,945	435,966	190,068	217,910	46,713	407	593	1,797,340
1942c	454,102	285,227	424,458	119,765	147,960	(b) 44,519	413	854	1,477,308
1943c	486,960	307,920	409,348	156,243	151,958	49,251	532	779	1,563,000

(a) December, previous year.

(b) As at March.

(c) As at 31st March.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

Season.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (b)	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	Australia.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1936-37	505,375,065	163,048,510	615,766,368	76,604,296	69,935,210	14,067,000	35,000	982,831,449
1937-38	496,824,150	178,390,131	617,751,280	86,606,388	70,684,955	15,598,500	35,000	1,023,990,304
1938-39	439,049,939	165,829,182	6179,458,539	102,888,121	78,802,143	17,519,000	35,000	983,581,994
1939-40	548,505,928	179,125,526	6195,770,277	105,265,869	80,657,367	18,334,000	35,000	1,127,694,037
1940-41	539,035,404	187,831,364	6214,704,450	106,646,992	76,170,000	17,078,157	308,128	1,141,774,495
1941-42	549,203,170	212,919,041	604,119,026	105,124,013	78,500,000	16,985,404	308,000	1,167,158,654
1942-43	497,537,955	212,325,163	613,675,698	107,500,000	99,231,000	17,256,012	300,000	1,147,825,828
(c)								

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) For year ended previous 31st December.

(c) Subject to revision.

PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BUTTER.								
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38..	53,966	63,090	52,788	10,013	6,863	5,356	6	192,082
1938-39..	53,045	58,291	70,869	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1939-40..	52,149	73,583	63,771	10,240	6,942	5,295	7	211,987
1940-41..	48,466	69,797	53,544	9,545	6,802	4,729	10	192,893
1941-42..	39,831	62,763	43,582	9,133	7,612	4,602	7	167,530
1942-43(b)	43,477	55,875	50,438	9,191	6,901	4,280	5	170,167

CHEESE.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38..	3,574	7,351	5,341	6,927	395	1,683	..	25,271
1938-39..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1939-40..	3,038	10,955	6,182	9,174	378	1,447	..	31,154
1940-41..	2,838	8,204	5,239	8,673	428	1,357	..	26,789
1941-42..	2,348	10,064	7,304	8,439	586	1,412	..	30,153
1942-43(b)	2,352	10,868	12,728	8,011	728	860	..	35,547

BACON AND HAM.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38..	9,542	7,454	(a) 8,753	2,766	(a) 1,790	1,096	1	31,402
1938-39..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	33,238
1939-40..	11,627	7,935	8,947	3,146	2,086	1,292	..	35,083
1940-41..	14,091	8,946	10,299	3,345	2,304	913	1	39,899
1941-42..	15,293	(b) 8,602	10,923	3,942	2,766	937	1(b)	42,464
1942-43(b)	11,471	8,773	10,700	4,196	3,974	1,171	1	40,286

(a) Excludes Bacon and Ham made from green bacon.

(b) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Copper.	Pig-Iron. (a)	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Fine oz.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Oz.	Ton.	Ton.
1937 ..	1,381,135	12,074,274	19,789	913,406	240,036	13,778,080	3,099	146,740
1938 ..	1,592,034	11,680,159	20,323	929,676	239,590	13,895,541	3,331	163,381
1939 ..	1,645,697	13,535,142	(b)	1,104,605	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1940 ..	1,645,999	11,725,683	(b)	1,212,006	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1941 ..	1,496,698	14,212,451	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1942(c)	1,153,787	14,900,000	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1943(c)	750,000	14,164,000	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Year ended June.

(b) Not available.

(c) Subject to revision.

VALUE(a) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
GOLD.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1937 ..	895,855	1,266,507	1,104,780	60,372	8,638,921	176,130	100,462	11,993,007
1938 ..	780,968	1,273,351	1,334,733	46,922	10,286,349	195,079	109,163	14,023,615
1939 ..	848,985	1,533,899	1,428,598	33,895	11,796,085	192,596	163,414	16,009,472
1940 ..	1,068,692	1,924,396	1,351,654	34,892	12,697,219	204,248	238,849	17,519,950
1941 ..	941,244	1,600,016	1,164,621	17,903	11,852,452	212,710	201,599	15,990,550
1942(b)	807,436	1,060,910	1,007,790	11,290	8,865,806	194,144	132,869	12,089,245

SILVER AND LEAD.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1937 ..	4,310,613	491	1,172,531	371	27,844	308,262	328	5,820,440
1938 ..	3,520,465	647	926,614	70	29,477	267,773	..	4,745,046
1939 ..	3,546,440	726	1,010,856	61	32,890	291,980	..	4,882,953
1940 ..	4,454,085	969	1,342,550	391	35,107	500,218	4	6,333,324
1941 ..	4,456,973	2,410	1,324,349	837	37,648	433,643	..	6,255,860

(a) Except for Gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency.

(b) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION.

Value of Principal Minerals Produced—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Aust.
COPPER.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1937 ..	72,406	..	308,968	21,620	986	759,332	55	1,163,367
1938 ..	87,905	..	203,967	15,333	1,275	580,238	4,362	893,080
1939 ..	105,407	..	289,927	6,612	1,373	668,561	2,248	1,074,128
1940 ..	103,701	..	428,263	21,083	873	717,464	1,072	1,272,456
1941 ..	117,490	..	620,996	41,390	154	721,985	3,185	1,505,200

TIN.								
1937 ..	336,628	44,127	202,614	..	12,421	260,673	7,205	863,668
1938 ..	286,768	28,650	141,547	..	7,421	244,037	3,205	711,628
1939 ..	366,138	47,233	200,652	..	3,871	282,798	4,437	905,179
1940 ..	373,435	32,253	223,626	..	5,174	367,127	4,533	1,006,148
1941 ..	443,123	19,569	204,232	..	1,874	328,340	4,041	1,001,179

COAL (Black and Brown).								
1937 ..	5,823,469	497,319	934,107	..	340,444	66,833	..	7,662,222
1938 ..	5,603,842	539,822	958,884	..	375,033	61,991	..	7,539,622
1939 ..	6,768,659	645,766	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,460	..	9,019,540
1940 ..	6,125,585	622,001	1,151,567	..	364,500	63,638	..	8,327,341
1941 ..	8,265,881	726,754	1,404,646	..	389,278	85,311	..	10,871,870

ALL MINERALS.								
1937 ..	11,981,891	1,832,195	4,392,492	2,509,449	9,230,182	2,282,365	205,851	32,434,425
1938 ..	10,731,391	1,884,015	3,966,119	2,932,473	10,844,469	1,889,804	214,724	32,462,995
1939 ..	12,123,751	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	244,478	36,838,814
1940 ..	12,791,408	2,596,117	5,105,629	3,218,237	13,230,552	2,749,817	311,024	40,002,784
1941 ..	15,073,833	2,371,568	5,300,600	3,187,093	12,399,351	2,650,271	274,172	41,256,888

ESTIMATED GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Dairy, Poultry and Bee-farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing. (a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1935-36 ..	75,338	91,286	47,533	11,424	23,248	155,891	404,770
1936-37 ..	91,403	105,499	49,886	11,765	27,381	170,811	456,745
1937-38 ..	93,229	100,794	57,641	14,755	32,434	188,061	486,914
1938-39 ..	76,851	84,895	60,404	14,634	32,463	195,746	464,993
1939-40 ..	95,784	104,972	62,670	15,347	36,839	212,488	527,500
1940-41 ..	70,406	110,959	62,628	16,847	40,003	248,751	549,594

(a) Net value. These amounts differ from those given in the following tables, owing to the inclusion in those tables of certain products which in this table are included with Dairy Farming and Forestry.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1936-37	25,668	523,948	90,123,132	246,203,232	260,578,903	177,684,645	451,829,278
1937-38	26,395	559,160	102,078,550	257,998,600	287,243,412	196,488,024	498,779,141
1938-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1939-40	27,111	587,663	114,517,633	285,209,557	315,076,697	221,295,153	553,253,317
1940-41	27,300	650,073	137,919,068	305,449,890	367,157,852	257,914,349	644,794,908
1941-42	26,971	725,342	139,052,212	325,512,892	433,160,480	316,439,028	773,058,971

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—DETAILS FOR STATES.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1939-40.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,458	9,215	3,064	2,265	2,129	980	27,111
2. Hands employed(a) ..	236,974	212,461	55,541	45,050	22,967	14,670	587,663
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	47,692,551	39,576,293	11,440,661	8,546,800	4,575,180	2,686,148	114,517,633
4. Value of fuel used .. £	8,135,614	4,358,419	1,588,782	1,130,137	1,198,194	520,321	16,881,467
5. „ materials used .. £	134,453,735	95,917,551	46,241,222	22,162,881	10,081,364	6,219,944	315,076,697
6. „ production .. £	96,609,307	74,028,431	20,973,138	14,403,520	9,027,728	6,253,020	221,295,153
7. „ output of fact's. £	239,198,656	174,304,401	68,753,142	37,696,538	20,307,286	12,993,294	553,253,317
8. „ land & buildings £	58,939,150	43,791,176	12,456,458	9,539,249	6,863,463	3,775,605	135,365,106
9. „ plant & mchry. £	64,801,584	40,905,886	18,217,831	11,106,194	8,025,068	6,787,888	149,844,451

1940-41.

1. Factories .. No.	9,919	9,121	2,972	2,230	2,056	1,002	27,300
2. Hands employed(a) ..	265,751	237,636	57,269	50,844	22,734	15,839	650,073
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	57,759,532	49,796,607	12,163,763	10,418,901	4,720,563	3,059,702	137,919,068
4. Value of fuel used .. £	9,620,123	5,138,787	1,655,937	1,400,683	1,309,748	597,429	19,722,707
5. „ materials used .. £	161,252,339	115,209,347	46,936,189	25,283,544	11,498,304	6,978,129	367,157,852
6. „ production .. £	115,044,338	89,000,711	21,644,338	16,916,102	9,016,922	6,291,888	257,914,349
7. „ output of fact's. £	235,916,850	209,348,845	70,236,464	43,600,329	21,824,974	13,867,446	644,794,908
8. „ land & buildings £	61,886,523	47,092,751	12,594,215	11,480,505	6,802,483	4,237,169	144,093,656
9. „ plant & mchry. £	68,533,346	44,985,756	18,501,758	14,391,653	7,394,680	7,549,041	161,356,234

1941-42.

1. Factories .. No.	10,166	8,918	2,788	2,167	1,938	994	26,971
2. Hands employed(a) ..	298,245	258,400	61,909	65,252	23,980	17,556	725,342
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	75,757,656	64,363,277	14,476,768	16,234,164	5,499,563	3,720,779	180,052,212
4. Value of fuel used .. £	11,228,813	6,144,579	1,915,087	2,066,010	1,399,228	705,746	23,459,463
5. „ materials used .. £	189,469,148	140,193,887	49,384,624	33,264,628	12,452,275	8,390,918	433,160,480
6. „ production .. £	138,790,351	110,937,614	24,830,339	24,565,855	10,100,531	7,214,338	316,439,028
7. „ output of fact's. £	339,488,312	257,281,080	76,130,050	59,896,493	23,952,034	16,311,002	773,058,971
8. „ land & buildings £	65,015,509	50,091,565	13,082,394	16,665,829	7,093,250	4,384,553	156,333,100
9. „ plant & mchry. £	70,611,613	48,065,805	18,771,893	16,808,122	7,309,560	7,612,799	169,179,792

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.
working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
	£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	5,146,151	5,167,331	5,733,723	5,846,992
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,571,757	5,544,215	6,154,014	6,191,079
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	12,456,370	14,154,787	18,395,727	24,828,034
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Imple-ments and Conveyances ..	62,434,973	67,121,371	85,949,318	119,872,922
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	931,085	1,034,742	1,274,021	1,315,010
VII. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	10,917,765	14,070,938	17,936,299	20,953,759
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,182,881	3,807,146	4,465,300	5,156,273
VIII. Clothing ..	16,551,031	17,458,783	19,633,286	23,634,446
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	41,601,107	45,436,266	48,516,665	53,154,567
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	9,460,742	10,080,889	11,371,496	12,971,441
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c. ..	4,200,035	4,182,018	4,648,226	4,863,463
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	14,559,073	15,858,198	16,237,985	17,080,273
XIII. Rubber ..	2,761,075	3,089,764	3,055,014	3,861,465
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	136,432	141,324	169,337	190,238
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,097,998	2,432,047	2,783,046	4,009,285
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	11,408,135	12,214,334	11,580,892	12,509,781
Total ..	203,416,610	221,295,153	257,914,349	316,439,028

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1941-42.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Wages(a) ..	22.31	25.02	19.02	27.10	22.96	22.81	23.29
Fuel and Light ..	3.31	2.39	2.51	3.45	5.84	4.33	3.04
Materials used ..	55.81	54.49	64.87	55.54	51.99	51.44	56.03
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges ..	18.57	18.10	13.60	13.91	19.21	21.42	17.64
Total output	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	54.58	58.02	58.30	66.08	54.45	51.57	56.90

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females ..	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1939-40—Males ..	247.12	233.40	244.01	223.78	240.48	215.82	239.08
Females ..	107.20	113.55	98.71	90.85	99.45	97.41	108.09
1940-41—Males ..	265.35	260.54	249.92	242.30	251.14	229.34	258.77
Females ..	115.79	125.37	102.43	101.13	102.11	107.18	117.65
1941-42—Males ..	309.85	308.76	274.06	292.68	276.88	253.09	301.86
Females ..	134.96	148.57	116.88	134.47	111.89	116.55	138.44

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1941-42.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	216,856	175,691	49,695	49,918	18,834	13,389	524,383
Females ..	81,389	82,709	12,214	15,334	5,146	4,167	200,959
Masculinity(a) ..	266	212	407	326	366	321	261

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

Section III.—Shipping and Commerce.

SHIPPING.—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1933-34 ..	4,481,616	870,955	5,352,571	4,770,663	640,647	5,411,310
1934-35 ..	4,846,060	1,148,190	5,994,250	5,340,159	554,635	5,894,794
1935-36 ..	5,290,675	947,001	6,237,676	5,598,276	708,608	6,306,884
1936-37 ..	5,440,911	833,279	6,274,190	5,611,826	725,755	6,337,581
1937-38 ..	5,911,146	1,217,258	7,128,404	6,078,499	1,014,559	7,093,058
1938-39 ..	5,964,039	746,960	6,710,999	5,989,521	845,192	6,834,713

NOTE.—Later figures are not available for publication.

**Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and
Continent at 31st December, 1943—continued.**

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

APPAREL, TEXTILES, AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—					
Apparel and Attire .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
Binder Twine .. .. .	..	..	..	..	187s. per ton weight.
OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—					
Oils, Eucalyptus .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	..	120s. 3d. per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined .. .. .	..	..	..	..	120s. 3d. " " "
PAINTS AND VARNISHES .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—					
Ore (in casks) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	126s. per ton weight.
*Zinc, Ex Risdon .. .. .	..	..	..	..	56s. " " "
*Other than above .. .. .	..	..	..	..	81s. " " "
Lust (in cases) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	252s. " " "
Sheet (in cases) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	110s. " " "
*Copper .. .. .	..	..	..	..	90s. " " "
*Lead .. .. .	..	..	..	..	81s. " " "
*Steel, Billets (up to 20 ft.) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	111s. " " "
*" (over 20 and up to 30 ft.) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	127s. " " "
*Tyres .. .. .	..	..	..	..	94s. 6d. " " "
Tin, Clippings in Ingot form .. .. .	..	..	..	..	36s. 6d. " " "
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUB- STITUTES THEREFOR—					
Rubber .. .. .	..	..	..	..	96s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Leather .. .. .	..	..	..	..	234s. 3d. per ton weight.
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—					
Timber, Logs up to 40 ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	40s. per 100 super. feet.
" over 40 and up to 50 ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	43s. " " "
" over 50 and up to 60 ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	46s. 3d. " " "
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30 ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	23s. 6d. " " "
EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS .. .. .				..	107s. per ton measurement.
STATIONERY .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—					
Fertilizers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
MISCELLANEOUS—					
Soap .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Casein .. .. .	..	..	..	..	168s. 3d. " " "
SPECIE .. .. .	..	..	..	..	25s. per cent. " " "

**INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES,
GENERAL CARGO, 31st DECEMBER, 1943.**

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To.	From—					
	Brisbane.		Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Trans- shipped.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Sydney.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane .. .. .	..	..	31 0.6	..	40 6.0	..
Sydney	31 0.6	..	..	..	29 8.4	..
Melbourne	40 6.0	..	29 8.4	..	..	..
Adelaide	51 3.6	..	40 6.0	..	29 8.4	..
Fremantle	62 4.8	72 4.8	55 10.8	..	49 4.8	..
Hobart	50 8.4	65 6.0	28 7.2	..	28 7.2	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	44 2.4	51 2.4	28 7.2	..	26 0.0	..
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	46 6.0	..	46 6.0	83 8.0
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	47 6.0	..	47 6.0	84 8.0
Lyttleton .. .. .	..	..	46 6.0	83 0.0	46 6.0	83 8.0
Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	46 6.0	83 0.0	46 6.0	83 8.0
New Hebrides .. .. .	..	..	81 0.0	..	..	116 9.0
Norfolk Island .. .. .	..	..	67 6.0	..	..	103 3.0
Papua	81 0.0	..	81 0.0	..	101 3.0	..

NOTE.—The table above includes the following "war-time risk" surcharges :—30 per cent. in respect of Fremantle, Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie; 35 per cent. in respect of the remaining ports, excepting New Zealand; 12½ per cent. on 38s. 6d. plus 7½ per cent. in respect of New Zealand ports, plus 35 per cent. on 22s. where transhipped at Sydney.

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA IMPORTS.

BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

State or Territory.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40. (a)	1940-41. (a)	1941-42. (a)
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.
New South Wales	51,082,364	46,347,953	51,443,678	46,032,964	
Victoria	39,222,998	35,455,336	41,908,342	45,529,833	
Queensland	8,237,506	7,955,818	8,755,948	6,338,886	
South Australia	7,473,802	5,851,043	6,717,606	5,461,204	(b)
Western Australia	6,394,342	5,383,710	5,511,107	4,258,954	
Tasmania	1,539,345	1,133,036	1,272,133	943,521	
Northern Territory	44,703	29,406	61,691	84,694	
Total	113,975,060	102,156,352	115,675,505	108,650,056	149,355,797 (e)

VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA EXPORTS.(c)

AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

State or Territory.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40. (a)	1940-41. (a)	1941-42. (a)
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
New South Wales	48,411,644	45,903,080	53,003,739	49,622,072	
Victoria	41,243,667	30,819,012	36,431,975	36,652,733	
Queensland	26,558,516	28,651,842	32,195,195	25,245,247	
South Australia	19,057,243	14,840,603	15,087,279	13,196,561	(b)
Western Australia	19,471,792	17,070,499	9,592,321	8,436,435	
Tasmania	2,831,205	3,198,547	2,426,235	1,559,664	
Northern Territory	6,053	12,729	12,814	24,865	
Total (d)	157,580,120	140,496,312	148,749,558	134,737,577	159,328,498 (f)

(a) Excludes gold, silver and bronze. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Goods destined for oversea countries are largely transferred from one State to another for transhipment to the oversea country. In this table such goods are shown against the State from which they were finally dispatched. (d) Estimated British currency values are shown below. (e) Complete, includes Governmental imports valued at £stg. 16,094,000 for which Customs entries were not passed. (f) Complete, includes £A. 12,645,000 exported on Governmental account for which Customs entries were not passed.

EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE OF, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head.				
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.		
								Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.
1937-38	239,812,939	113,975,060	122,675,945	3,161,934	125,837,879	34 18 9	16 12 1	17 17 5	0 9 3	18 6 8
1938-39	214,357,724	102,156,352	108,188,167	4,013,205	112,201,372	30 18 10	14 14 11	15 12 4	0 11 7	16 3 11
1939-40	234,437,627	115,675,505	117,280,891	1,481,231	118,762,122	33 10 2	16 10 10	16 15 3	0 4 3	16 19 6
1940-41	216,224,963	108,650,056	106,015,055	1,559,857	107,574,912	30 16 9	15 9 11	15 2 5	0 4 5	15 6 10
1941-42	276,564,173	149,355,797	125,714,550	1,493,831	127,208,381	38 15 0	20 18 6	17 12 4	0 4 2	17 16 6
1942-43 (nine months)	230,039,080	155,661,362	72,823,562	1,554,156	74,377,718	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Excludes the value of Stores shipped in Australian ports on board oversea ships. The values of Ships' Stores in Australian currency were:—1937-38, £2,091,249; 1938-39, £2,105,619; 1939-40, £2,539,848; 1940-41, £3,528,555; 1941-42, £5,791,983. (b) Excludes gold, silver and bronze.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.		
	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.(a)	£stg.	£stg.(b)	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.
1937-38	111,733,254	2,241,806	113,975,060	112,281,676	13,556,203	125,837,879	548,422	11,314,397	11,862,819
1938-39	99,313,150	2,843,202	102,156,352	97,032,575	15,168,797	112,201,372	— 2,280,575	12,825,595	10,545,020
1939-40	115,675,505	(c)	(c)	118,762,122	(c)	(c)	3,036,617	(c)	(c)
1940-41	108,650,056	(c)	(c)	107,574,912	(c)	(c)	— 1,075,144	(c)	(c)
1941-42	149,355,797	(c)	(c)	127,208,381	(c)	(c)	— 22,147,416	(c)	(c)
1942-43 (nine months)	155,661,362	(c)	(c)	74,377,718	(c)	(c)	— 81,283,644	(c)	(c)

(a) The values in Australian currency were:—1937-38, £140,632,800; 1938-39, £121,533,800; 1939-40, £148,749,558; 1940-41, £134,737,577; 1941-42, £159,328,498; and 1942-43 (nine months), £93,153,093. (b) The values in Australian currency are shown above. (c) Not available for publication.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes an excess of imports.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the December quarters of 1942 and 1943, the six months ended December, 1942 and 1943, and the financial years 1941-42 and 1942-43.

Division.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.		Financial Year.	
	1942.	1943.	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CUSTOMS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages ..	195,975	72,854	398,433	255,132	887,482	751,662
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof ..	2,263,373	1,390,932	3,910,891	2,875,889	5,871,161	6,754,187
3. Sugar ..	25	32	37	64	18,795	195
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries ..	265,829	165,451	430,554	356,491	878,849	778,099
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire ..	422,694	252,020	819,048	542,163	2,206,090	1,354,856
6. Metals and Machinery ..	377,037	327,722	775,419	673,599	1,611,945	1,257,692
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes ..	1,783,303	1,910,072	3,281,236	3,611,450	7,452,493	6,201,418
8. Earthenware, &c. ..	46,077	51,898	89,234	85,390	257,491	130,583
9. Drugs and Chemicals ..	84,196	39,152	137,187	79,274	240,632	235,108
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane ..	17,548	39,344	36,396	94,211	202,407	100,540
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods ..	85,194	83,104	169,446	158,339	411,512	330,002
12. Leather and Rubber ..	44,345	81,782	89,312	141,478	402,902	223,710
13. Paper and Stationery ..	18,761	28,562	32,749	62,641	122,316	57,204
14. Vehicles ..	61,323	6,973	93,169	22,947	721,724	132,239
15. Musical Instruments ..	300	62	1,176	69	3,946	1,332
16. Miscellaneous ..	192,852	126,322	344,068	285,523	896,091	697,109
Primage ..	689,790	632,319	1,320,572	1,292,076	3,361,287	2,409,068
Ships' Stores ..	8,628	7,488	16,673	19,623	33,207	35,231
Other Miscellaneous Receipts ..	27,372	31,497	52,494	56,202	112,344	117,577
Special War Duty ..	336,079	207,819	572,329	447,838	1,283,340	975,489
Total Customs ..	6,920,701	5,455,905	12,570,423	11,060,449	26,976,014	22,548,301
EXCISE.						
Beer ..	5,642,656	5,972,278	9,222,963	10,687,249	14,362,561	19,632,696
Carbonic Acid Gas ..	93,527	82,930	175,431	150,656	324,067	339,336
Cigarette Papers ..	221,859	226,545	444,142	441,874	816,809	850,381
Matches ..	333,980	316,848	529,355	661,300	526,135	1,141,634
Petrol ..	119,303	106,764	205,289	225,707	1,278,162	403,214
Playing Cards ..	11,671	11,873	16,847	23,268	12,491	39,549
Spirits ..	1,038,496	1,236,712	2,077,612	2,741,202	3,059,783	4,629,199
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff ..	4,945,597	4,177,056	8,745,405	8,674,757	11,232,812	17,030,758
Other Excise, including Licences, &c. ..	62,546	77,333	139,919	117,711	221,354	274,343
Total Excise ..	12,469,635	12,208,339	21,556,963	23,723,724	31,834,174	44,341,110
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections ..	19,390,336	17,664,244	34,127,386	34,784,173	58,810,188	66,889,411
Drawbacks and Re-payments ..	507,171	351,246	1,090,398	746,326	2,032,844	2,028,320
TOTAL NET REVENUE ..	18,883,165	17,312,998	33,036,988	34,037,847	56,777,344	64,861,091

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.
(Subject to revision.)

IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	48,121	165,705	120,319	300,955
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c.	29,860	28,572	106,293	66,908
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins	2,330	422	4,882	4,586
Potted and Concentrated ..	2,444	3,221	8,095	29,398
Sausage Casings	92,708	22,097	239,483	107,147
Other	20,671	..	22,829	1,208
Milk and Cream	13,610	1,332	16,970	4,850
Other Animal Foodstuffs ..	16,709	1,036	34,255	28,549
Total, Class I.	226,453	222,385	553,126	543,601
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN, ETC.				
Caramel and Cocoa Butter ..	3,757	3,975	9,021	7,371
Cocoa and Chocolate	85,438	93,979	145,408	269,730
Coffee and Chicory	53,249	169,026	163,043	769,856
Confectionery	786	1,487	3,479	1,645
Fruits—				
Dried, including Dates	67,091	2	81,727	258
Fresh—				
Bananas .. ..	..	2	4,907	2
Other	1,559	1,189	2,118	1,623
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i. preserved in liquid	3,282	846	5,068	5,066
Ginger	2,917	195	10,564	1,329
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared	46,068	72,217	147,007	180,975
Prepared—				
Rice	1,034	2	18,905	79
Other	19,321	..	29,353	26,134
Infants' and Invalids' Foods ..	4,842	4,256	17,939	12,754
Liquorice	297	5,357	5,805	16,115
Mustard .. ..	..	..	2	..
Nuts, Edible	32,991	47,365	230,788	116,312
Pickles and Sauces	466	..	3,221	19
Sago and Tapioca	10,357	..	46,302	8
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape ..	14,135	24,396	38,368	59,195
Spices	33,990	39,454	100,012	143,005
Sugar and Sugar Products	8,082	2,407	37,019	14,677
Tea	537,022	1,150,347	3,006,733	3,524,904
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	21,605	23,186	67,529	31,957
Total, Class II.	948,289	1,639,688	4,174,318	5,183,014
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry..	2,166	9,861	6,189	18,953
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	8	44	104	125
Gin	2,271	3,684	14,251	10,941
Rum	733	88	1,896	226
Whisky	56,056	21,280	197,399	97,549
Other, including Liqueurs ..	2,196	2,447	6,327	11,291
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling	20	..	145	..
Other	343	24	2,252	54
Total, Class III.	63,793	37,428	228,563	139,139

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	15,329	37,340	41,822	49,687
Unmanufactured	495,353	188,019	675,237	871,303
Cigars	1	..	453	221
Cigarettes	7,579	28,527	28,243	151,059
Snuff	449	..	904	..
Total, Class IV. ..	518,711	253,886	746,659	1,072,270
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	2,408	1,549	31,380	3,261
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	4,816	11,921	12,517	17,400
Gut, Natural and Imitation	250	956	2,183	2,527
Hair and Fibre	30,097	1,044	160,423	8,984
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	54,290	42,327	128,107	268,634
Sheep	26	131	3,300	304
Other	28,225	77,664	159,031	149,457
Silk, Raw	2,593	4,398	82,513	13,266
Wool	40,755	36,440	110,739	40,304
Other Animal Substances	4,630	5,673	40,449	17,501
Total, Class VI. ..	165,682	180,554	699,262	518,377
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	57,411	58,703	184,981	298,847
Cork and Cork Manufactures	24,278	18,620	110,504	107,787
Fibres—				
Cotton, Raw	266,523	(a)	938,884	(a)
Kapok	49,054	41,048	167,596	63,802
Other	120,288	135,770	564,291	347,256
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture, Mats, &c. ..	9,573	314	21,133	3,895
Gums and Resins	150,125	80,963	430,565	512,252
Pulp for Paper-making	53,134	126,459	482,025	428,007
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural ..	12,313	34,724	23,462	95,927
Linseed	59,507	139,210	442,247	573,982
Other	34,881	68,668	115,269	144,434
Tanning Substances	68,166	19,158	128,633	116,089
Other Vegetable Substances	3,777	780	9,757	3,365
Total, Class VII. ..	909,030	(a)	3,619,347	(a)
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL AND ATTIRE.				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c. (other than knitted) ..	11,025	..	30,325	25
Boots and Shoes	13,410	715	42,709	19,194
Buttons	21,910	9,659	57,858	27,190
Furs and Skins wholly or partly made up, dressed or prepared ..	5,612	14	39,879	14
Gloves	134,272	377	331,818	38,078
Hats and Caps	36,817	167	103,110	3,734
Knitted Articles of Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c. ..	12,414	1	25,243	3,759
Socks and Stockings	11,531	..	24,524	3,156
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	928	10	2,864	68
Trimmings and Ornaments	66,978	120,615	205,224	253,234
Other Apparel and Attire	73,974	59,905	537,596	213,455
Total, Class VIII. (a) ..	388,871	191,463	1,401,150	561,907

(a) Not available for publication.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Floor Coverings	374,873	14,661	1,470,143	139,715
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys ..	13,432	9,227	39,657	45,575
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen	79,602	42,932	234,945	206,376
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	231,018	318,751	702,600	903,382
Cotton and Linen	2,059,060	2,073,486	6,156,357	6,127,539
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods	104,826	227,037	670,511	737,544
Lace for Attire, &c. ..	71,725	2,028	213,692	62,731
Silk, including Artificial Silk ..	969,388	886,878	2,404,597	3,123,160
Velvets, Plushes, &c. ..	67,766	10,246	167,582	97,649
Woollens	212,007	16,513	445,124	131,450
Other	298,893	229,313	820,709	830,586
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c.	49,907	48,588	141,707	189,619
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c. ..	137,672	157,325	473,038	551,363
Towels and Towelling	160,849	54,723	449,347	309,952
Other Textiles	95,739	119,345	228,595	518,974
Total, Class VIII. (b) ..	4,926,757	4,211,053	14,618,604	13,975,615
CLASS VIII.—(c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES AND YARNS.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Fodder	23,703	104,045	86,941	224,812
Corn and Flour	337,759	1,103,133	2,011,703	1,687,591
Wool-packs	14,644	384,125	395,363	744,985
Other	5,280	278,876	65,329	283,242
Cordage and Twines	85,285	154,110	154,740	290,176
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	312,789	243,114	992,275	851,104
Cotton	150,482	214,892	545,270	893,031
Wool	4,314	7	42,458	7,480
Other	16,350	9,797	42,491	29,035
Total, Class VIII. (c) ..	950,606	2,492,099	4,336,570	5,011,456
Total, Class VIII. ..	6,266,234	6,894,615	20,356,324	19,548,978
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c.	45,795	42,890	356,799	130,046
Linseed Oil .. ..	..	..	1,227	92
Olive Oil	5,109	2	29,683	12
Other Oils				
Total, Class IX. }			Included in Grand Total.	
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours	128,673	91,249	502,301	337,854
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	4,627	63	17,373	6,961
Total, Class X. ..	133,300	91,312	519,674	344,815
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch ..	79,238	101,710	149,962	119,587
Stone (including Marble and Slate)—				
Abrasives	87,355	(a)	254,779	(a)
Other Stones	2,705	2,367	12,324	10,767
Other Minerals, &c.	111,457	110,748	439,818	667,997
Total, Class XI. ..	280,755	(a)	856,883	(a)

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS XII.—(a) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Electrical Machinery, &c.—				
Batteries and Accumulators ..	19,372	12,255	52,911	56,166
Cable and Wire, covered ..	219,158	174,041	729,053	863,293
Dynamo Electric Machines ..	181,830	105,113	440,056	449,559
Lamps, Filament ..	58,064	32,103	134,746	122,312
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c. ..	62,748	77,750	317,236	275,224
Other ..	266,593	442,003	897,885	1,382,978
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c.	6,912	8,631	23,184	40,101
Dairying ..	17,283	10,091	47,447	19,819
Mining ..	48,773	38,319	136,983	111,105
Motive-power ..	413,128	2,183,827	2,811,916	5,900,132
Printing ..	16,533	4,823	40,727	31,203
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	182,247	165,173	422,622	639,109
Machines—				
Sewing ..	27,721	116,347	185,332	249,822
Sheep-shearing ..	10,201	7,144	29,213	23,482
Weighing ..	9,705	7,877	29,491	29,820
Yarn and Textile-making machinery ..	123,116	50,373	435,670	282,160
Other Machines and Machinery	1,021,975	(a)	3,746,398	(a)
Total, Class XII. (a) ..	2,635,359	(a)	10,480,870	(a)
CLASS XII.—(b) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers ..	5,464	6,615	23,574	25,922
Leaf and Foil ..	15,507	3,562	108,727	65,528
Nails ..	6,508	8,711	22,669	29,700
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. ..	19,363	7,873	67,733	40,758
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c.	1,450	..	1,946	271
Wire ..	25,426	48,827	78,717	120,979
Lamps and Lampware ..	43,399	37,666	138,122	128,513
Platedware and Cutlery ..	119,725	94,095	453,642	325,910
Tools of Trade ..	235,711	248,701	703,512	906,549
Cycles and Cycle Parts ..	82,150	44,093	286,026	172,315
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Bodies and Parts ..	332	6,612	4,414	6,956
Chassis and Parts ..	923,117	1,576,031	4,537,575	4,287,215
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c. ..	79,594	210,678	152,706	458,833
Other ..	..	(a)	..	(a)
Total, Class XII. (b) ..	6,672,323	(a)	25,382,080	(a)
Total, Class XII. ..	9,357,682	(a)	35,862,950	(a)
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c. ..	356,948	(a)	1,749,363	(a)
Rubber Manufactures—				
Boot and Apparel Elastic, Rubber Thread ..	75,147	3,401	183,325	50,919
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other ..	80,123	35,854	124,943	104,404
Other ..	22,270	4,653	58,566	22,992
Total, Class XIII. (a) ..	534,488	(a)	2,116,197	(a)

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.				
Leather	15,527	3,215	40,714	23,006
Leather Manufactures, &c. ..	17,137	2,950	57,417	21,082
Total, Class XIII. (b) ..	32,664	6,165	98,131	44,088
Total, Class XIII. ..	567,152	(a)	2,214,328	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed	6,292	19,516	57,306	48,256
Undressed	93,613	(a)	447,704	(a)
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	23,909	18,148	147,583	65,484
Total, Class XIV. ..	123,814	(a)	652,593	(a)
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Crockery and other Household Ware	162,641	54,759	538,975	366,372
Glass and Glassware	148,740	56,555	533,784	265,219
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stoneware ..	115,004	25,908	356,403	128,823
Total, Class XV. ..	426,385	137,222	1,479,162	760,414
CLASS XVI.—(a) PAPER.				
Millboards and other boards ..	26,997	25,773	112,439	47,864
Parchment	20,393	25,674	103,124	137,044
Printing	157,257	17,668	948,527	81,578
Wrapping	50,521	41,112	222,033	95,240
Writing and Typewriting ..	59,634	42,645	240,424	145,673
Other	127,073	66,600	404,452	268,138
Total, Class XVI. (a) ..	441,875	219,472	2,030,999	775,537
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	192,684	144,967	624,960	476,702
Price Lists, Circulars, &c. ..	4,981	2,373	21,031	12,265
Paperhangings and Wallpapers ..	15,496	2	60,056	329
Pens and Pencils	34,872	19,359	115,145	73,609
Other Stationery	80,254	66,641	298,832	220,555
Total, Class XVI. (b) ..	328,287	233,342	1,120,024	783,460
Total, Class XVI. ..	770,162	452,814	3,151,023	1,558,997
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Fancy Goods—				
Articles for games	8,760	3,971	28,947	9,541
Toys	11,964	69	69,074	1,857
Other	52,154	18,699	146,431	94,758
Jewellery—				
Precious Stones (Unset)—				
Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	17,633	35,912	97,442	114,177
Other	19,490	1,389	72,723	8,823
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c.	64,662	27,882	193,745	113,616
Total, Class XVII. ..	174,663	87,922	608,362	342,772

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Films for Cinematographs, &c...	148,959	73,136	463,179	259,275
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c. ..	28,345	117,822	98,938	190,108
Surgical and Dental Instruments	167,131	158,275	469,599	511,953
Phonographs, &c. ..	8,373	4,215	26,549	13,547
Other Instruments ..	120,591	37,618	386,873	174,847
Total, Class XVIII. ..	473,399	391,066	1,445,138	1,149,730
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	24,590	(a)	102,566	(a)
Argol	11,257	..	53,961	11,304
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes	107	159	586	524
Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines ..	67,154	129,433	208,057	389,506
Other	98,298	49,163	345,269	211,692
Dyes	116,674	96,131	505,082	395,924
Fertilizers	104,242	128,599	446,969	292,125
Insecticides, Washes and Dips ..	16,935	36,119	67,625	81,544
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous) ..	36,299	72,194	132,450	124,310
Perfumery and Preparations ..	58,446	14,757	167,364	55,152
Salt	12,477	891	29,247	8,047
Spirituous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers,				
Flavours, Juices, Syrups ..	2,725	2,236	12,498	15,449
Other	20,980	9,802	53,094	24,243
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	792,814	(a)	2,523,421	(a)
Total, Class XIX. ..	1,362,998	(a)	4,648,189	(a)
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Articles of Celluloid, &c. ..	68,563	39,720	136,460	166,171
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c. ..	29,525	82	98,600	7,654
Brushware—				
Vacuum Cleaners (Household)	24,781	92	79,472	795
Other	16,032	1,552	47,460	17,102
Goods imported per parcel post	104,313	100,336	492,581	338,995
Musical Instruments, &c.—				
Pianos	2,435	68	6,161	2,194
Player Pianos .. ..	..	..	154	..
Piano and Player Piano Parts	3,479	..	9,853	621
Other Instruments and Parts	8,028	448	26,369	5,609
Oilmen's Stores	5,523	1,042	31,292	5,197
Soap	7,255	2,598	31,451	7,563
All other Articles				
Total, Class XX. ..	Included in Grand Total.			
Grand Total—MERCHANDISE ..	27,177,465	57,780,805	96,068,118	155,661,362

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Grand Total—MERCHANDISE ..	34,039,775	72,370,458	120,325,318	194,965,856

NOTE.—Class XXI. is not available for publication.

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EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter	2,347,148	3,007,965	6,463,915	7,010,651
Butter Fat (dry) .. ..	..	33,224	..	430,813
Butter Substitutes	136,923	113,978	529,991	218,050
Cheese	431,296	461,566	1,187,769	1,045,012
Eggs	534,907	125,931	994,356	322,128
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	68,819	37,518	376,716	169,501
Mutton, Dehydrated .. ..	..	33,936	..	100,420
Potted or Concentrated	15,510	29,996	84,720	131,486
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	347,588	33,333	2,349,115	452,839
Lamb	2,005,980	1,908,739	4,166,343	4,542,289
Mutton	79,173	75,472	156,307	189,822
Pork	204,110	19,084	1,003,655	57,515
Rabbits and Hares	343	3,916	7,902	6,352
Preserved in Tins	975,075	926,273	3,582,757	2,512,048
Sausage Casings	137,173	148,817	339,403	340,558
Other	83,436	75,368	254,033	337,617
Milk and Cream	408,702	416,535	1,785,041	1,535,737
Other Animal Foodstuffs	31,970	51,516	357,298	210,001
Total, Class I.	7,808,153	7,503,167	23,639,321	19,612,839
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory, Fruit Juices, &c.	63,808	193,820	262,921	359,852
Biscuits	153,181	248,063	517,405	1,044,649
Confectionery	52,083	60,329	224,752	152,066
Fodders	7,445	3,254	50,812	44,108
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	1,448	9,485	254,265	246,432
Raisins	1,904	16,788	1,273,436	1,351,050
Other	30,819	21,928	152,218	67,697
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	617	3,144	40,416	8,181
Citrus	37,434	7,682	173,642	133,108
Other	625	2,003	5,705	5,955
Fruits, preserved in liquid	82,774	82,621	856,496	233,063
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	57,854	9,695	89,673	28,137
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	94,405	14,724	171,352	49,141
Wheat	764,068	1,752,958	1,834,402	4,115,994
Other	9,164	16,911	45,806	71,087
Prepared—				
Bran, Pollard and Sharps	19,509	17,175	57,048	48,562
Flour (Wheaten)	889,137	608,836	3,560,017	2,534,049
Rice	70,533	80,314	195,997	222,795
Other	76,106	49,765	400,084	186,764
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	7,166	5,337	29,603	7,183
Jams and Fruit Jellies	211,715	120,166	928,665	394,362
Sugar	883,126	491,109	2,201,718	801,009
Tea	29,782	18,496	103,901	76,568
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	219,833	215,398	839,061	655,839
Total, Class II.	3,764,536	4,050,001	14,269,395	12,837,651

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry ..	305,558	135,578	1,369,670	517,905
Spirits (Beverages)	101,395	106,121	508,522	293,446
Wine	82,509	89,186	378,929	223,604
Total, Class III. ..	489,462	330,885	2,257,121	1,034,955
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff ..	144,170	51,288	326,574	177,784
Tobacco	142,126	101,919	406,144	341,014
Total, Class IV. ..	286,296	153,207	732,718	518,798
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle .. ..	..	5,923	1,275	5,923
Horses	100	199	47,322	34,841
Sheep	8,491	2,782	53,921	5,887
Other Animals	112	12	5,947	1,347
Total, Class V. ..	8,703	8,916	108,465	47,998
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Bêche-de-mer .. ..	..	..	4,720	..
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	24,106	9,175	118,147	58,255
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse ..	13,264	14,338	79,336	43,887
Fox	1,222	1,763	121,718	62,578
Kangaroo and Wallaby ..	51,674	56,248	157,588	154,024
Opossum	6,129	2,342	44,278	13,008
Rabbit	222,459	211,712	2,623,616	903,464
Sheep	597,970	409,819	920,606	899,926
Other	4,612	1,614	15,983	5,599
Pearl-shell	37,537	365	226,519	7,525
Trochus-shell	8,998	2,454	27,287	13,627
Wool—				
Greasy	13,542,438	10,957,067	29,613,977	27,927,140
Scoured and Tops	2,234,833	920,496	5,715,387	4,845,969
Other Animal Substances ..	12,561	3,881	56,034	12,364
Total, Class VI. ..	16,667,803	12,591,274	39,725,196	34,947,366
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	11,535	..	11,535	..
Fibres—				
Cotton, raw	817	..	4,041	..
Other	48,326	108,005	167,490	283,846
Sandalwood .. ..	..	80	23,272	80
Seeds	16,133	16,032	75,071	57,812
Tanning Substances	8,998	9,311	54,694	11,610
Other Vegetable Substances ..	19,427	11,240	54,602	26,311
Total, Class VII. ..	105,236	144,668	390,705	379,659

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL AND ATTIRE; (b) TEXTILES; (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Boots and Shoes	68,781	5,838	380,848	22,834
Other Apparel and Attire ..	518,774	123,120	1,248,105	743,192
Piece Goods	94,472	51,613	364,256	151,093
Other Textiles	25,871	22,173	331,579	74,258
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns ..	90,034	120,218	388,958	402,006
Total, Class VIII. ..	797,932	322,962	2,713,746	1,393,383
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	42,778	32,440	140,985	123,252
Tallow, unrefined	184,431	(a)	615,471	(a)
Other	172,017	544,037	418,225	1,193,076
Total, Class IX. ..	399,226	(a)	1,174,681	(a)
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.	35,101	49,303	184,138	152,665
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.	235,892	(a)	1,164,581	(a)
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery</i> ..	733,952	(a)	2,180,434	(a)
(b) <i>Metals and Manufactures</i> ..	2,694,603	(a)	8,872,331	(a)
Total, Class XII. ..	3,428,555	(a)	11,052,765	(a)
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures ..	95,594	(a)	358,572	(a)
Leather	196,425	(a)	617,780	(a)
Leather Manufactures, &c. ..	21,050	(a)	100,091	(a)
Total, Class XIII. ..	313,069	(a)	1,076,443	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber	172,786	77,223	548,361	335,709
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	37,276	7,455	152,206	45,808
Total, Class XIV. ..	210,062	84,678	700,567	381,517
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONEWARE.	77,767	42,712	293,363	126,822
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper	43,472	63,974	131,969	205,041
Stationery	66,664	50,716	248,101	186,380
Total, Class XVI. ..	110,136	114,690	380,070	391,421

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued*.

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES AND FANCY GOODS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Precious Stones, unset, Pearls, Cameos, &c.	28,108	2,704	51,312	5,435
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c.	22,371	6,267	82,008	24,546
Total, Class XVII.	50,479	8,971	133,320	29,981
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	12,794	13,219	95,198	45,228
Photographic Goods, &c.	11,810	14,992	61,077	50,497
Talking Machines, &c.	6,616	8,486	21,111	30,013
Other Instruments	17,075	112,613	64,769	170,946
Total, Class XVIII.	48,295	149,310	242,155	296,684
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	3,567	3,241	7,187	3,960
Fertilizers	3,962	7,576	9,922	12,657
Medicines	46,137	58,116	217,928	153,894
Oils—				
Essential (non-spirituous), n.e.i.	9,837	3,447	35,955	15,139
Eucalyptus	77,403	20,616	163,886	62,460
Perfumery and Preparations	89,334	52,170	312,702	234,580
Other Drugs and Chemicals	112,214	115,916	442,475	347,201
Total, Class XIX.	342,454	261,082	1,190,055	829,891
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	17,986	5,204	106,135	16,750
Oilmen's Stores	47,072	77,339	206,415	264,433
Personal and Household Effects	17,862	10,842	83,712	38,516
Soap	59,338	43,562	198,208	124,974
Goods Exported per parcel post	4,169	3,129	24,797	8,604
All other Articles	409,088	(a)	1,620,872	(a)
Total, Class XX.	555,515	(a)	2,240,139	(a)
Total { Australian Produce	35,276,539	32,591,304	102,119,111	91,211,512
{ Other Produce	458,133	790,062	1,549,833	1,946,581
GRAND TOTAL—MERCHANDISE	35,734,672	33,381,366	103,668,944	93,158,093

ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
GRAND TOTAL—Merchandise	28,530,676	26,651,788	82,769,616	74,377,718

NOTE.—Class XXI. is not available for publication.

(a) Not available for publication.

Section IV.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£
TAXATION—					
Customs	31,160,462	34,830,306	29,409,666	25,208,806	20,806,321
Excise	16,471,903	18,994,600	24,370,117	31,572,002	44,071,799
Sales Tax	9,308,334	12,196,175	19,792,680	26,830,085	28,846,255
Flour Tax	1,808,972	2,486,070	1,498,595	1,651,717	1,708,543
Land Tax	1,489,436	1,645,829	3,190,822	3,691,184	3,873,115
Income Tax (a)	11,882,440	16,430,313	43,305,239	77,563,926	141,027,271
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	..	..	..	8,962,464	10,450,687
Gold Tax .. .. .	..	1,214,621	1,452,260	1,030,425	524,694
Estate Duty	1,915,352	2,212,090	2,364,133	2,845,005	2,696,000
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	59	10	..	2,994,426
Gift Duty .. .. .	..	..	..	79,731	144,429
Total Taxation	74,036,899	90,010,663	125,383,522	179,435,345	257,143,520
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366,311	17,897,469	19,075,541	21,639,364	24,390,908
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	330,643	368,218	462,344	694,228	1,226,364
Central Australia	137,521	146,921	243,701	742,143	1,584,537
North Australia	50,471	60,797	185,808	305,448	791,555
Australian Capital Territory	7,275	11,736	8,040	5,277	15,036
Total Railways	525,910	587,672	899,893	1,747,096	3,617,492
Total Business Undertakings	17,892,221	18,485,141	19,975,434	23,386,460	28,008,400
TERRITORIES	355,401	415,412	506,864	491,969	447,229
OTHER REVENUE—					
Interest (b)	1,144,014	1,150,102	1,186,194	997,516	1,080,840
Coinage	127,764	180,458	752,471	867,889	2,588,787
Defence	151,208	166,880	303,640	834,800	1,489,934
Civil Aviation	5,745	11,171	137,951	185,355	401,144
Health	18,204	15,740	14,338	113,922	14,236
Patents, Trade Marks, Copyrights	67,914	61,982	57,150	55,037	58,075
Bankruptcy	30,770	35,817	32,318	24,877	23,500
Commerce and Marine—					
Wool levy (c)	74,396	84,361	84,279	85,934	81,783
Other	158,137	147,315	136,706	169,578	358,766
Net Profit, Note Issue	766,730	985,993	1,461,839	1,658,141	2,247,702
Balance of Trust Accounts .. .. .	..	..	31,476	1,600,459	218,000
Other	285,387	162,749	418,124	133,687	297,240
Total	2,780,269	3,002,568	4,616,486	6,727,195	8,860,007
Grand Total	95,064,790	111,913,784	150,482,306	210,040,969	294,459,156
PER HEAD (d)—					
Taxation	£ s. d. 10 13 10	£ s. d. 12 17 4	£ s. d. 17 14 9	£ s. d. 25 2 10	£ s. d. 35 14 5
Business Undertakings	2 11 8	2 12 10	2 16 6	3 5 6	3 17 10
Other	0 9 0	0 9 9	0 14 7	1 0 3	1 5 10
Total	13 14 6	15 19 11	21 5 10	29 8 7	40 18 1

(a) Includes War-time (Company) Tax.

(b) Excludes balance of interest on States' debts (payable by States).

(c) For Publicity and Research.

(d) Based on mean population of each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Expenditure.

Departments, &c.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
War and Repatriation (1914-19) Services—	£	£	£	£	£
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange..	9,664,917	9,600,065	9,568,676	9,681,977	9,384,142
War Pensions	8,227,487	8,147,076	8,041,798	7,908,788	8,346,111
Repatriation	993,872	922,527	845,283	829,355	850,190
Other	370,536	164,874	146,873	198,182	141,056
Total, War, &c.	19,256,812	18,834,542	18,602,630	18,618,302	18,721,499
Defence and War (1939-43) Services—					
War (1939-43) Services		15,315,993			
Army (including Co-ordination) ..	3,324,650	3,770,504			
Navy	2,755,085	3,005,000			
Air	1,884,971	2,043,839			
Supply and Development (including Munitions and Aircraft Production) ..	596,653	748,415			
Total Cost of Departments—			65,680,917	109,233,539	159,478,192
Governor-General	32,765	30,787	30,587	30,705	29,383
Parliament	444,873	449,876	547,602	478,163	487,319
Prime Minister	1,355,842	1,509,582	1,282,799	1,350,017	1,384,095
External Affairs	70,168	117,782	141,751	199,642	215,490
Treasury	2,257,628	2,485,450	2,425,259	2,948,933	3,563,826
Attorney-General	281,497	276,557	297,400	319,171	351,452
Interior	1,275,392	1,257,593	962,999	954,847	916,890
Civil Aviation	328,150	494,060	392,038	337,165	349,671
Trade and Customs	1,064,124	1,032,890	963,269	956,081	872,509
Health	338,155	289,174	295,932	299,856	385,560
Commerce and Agriculture	994,095	954,210	910,621	975,924	1,021,955
Social Services	324,734	177,901	161,786	281,742	393,490
Supply and Shipping	214,832	216,741	229,311	240,716	246,405
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General	15,028,233	15,285,709	15,876,594	17,527,865	19,938,502
Railways	1,351,041	1,472,621	1,507,850	1,995,577	2,726,187
Territories—					
Australian Capital Territory	637,228	656,078	679,160	698,072	676,909
Northern Territory	402,899	382,804	462,170	520,021	328,842
Papua	48,830	48,610	85,703	38,839	4,682
New Guinea	5,532	5,988	7,162	17,048	2,144
Norfolk Island	5,471	4,071	4,071	5,666	5,073
Total, Territories	1,099,960	1,097,551	1,238,266	1,279,646	1,017,650
New Works	6,565,268	6,536,445	6,321,764	6,305,344	6,360,954
Invalid and Old-age Pensions	15,991,782	16,459,245	17,366,365	19,257,025	22,292,835
Child Endowment				11,302,863	11,659,626
Widows' Pensions					2,358,998
Maternity Allowances	436,614	416,964	407,533	358,538	281,052
Payments to or for States—					
Interest on States' Debts	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912
Sinking Fund on States' Debts	1,477,976	1,536,955	1,556,749	1,579,797	1,587,798
Special Grants	2,020,000	2,020,000	2,050,000	2,300,000	2,175,000
Grants for Federal Aid Roads	4,266,556	4,455,845	3,484,748	2,128,344	1,603,342
Income Tax Reimbursement					26,481,542
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement ..					574,341
Other Grants	300,000	100,000	250,000	138,100	140,138
Total to or for States (b)	15,649,444	15,696,812	14,926,409	13,781,153	40,097,073
Relief to Primary Producers	2,014,713	2,509,266	3,022,624	4,063,155	(c) 1,708,543
Grand Total (d)	94,437,481	108,985,409	150,482,306	210,040,969	294,459,156
Per head of Population (e)	£13 12 8	£15 11 9	£21 5 10	£29 8 7	£40 18 1

(a) Excludes Defence and War (1939-43) Services. (b) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States). (c) In addition, £3,084,817 was provided under War Services. (d) Excludes expenditure from excess receipts (see table below). (e) Based on mean population for each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Excess Receipts.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£
Accumulated balance	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375		
Excess Receipts	627,309	2,928,375			
Total for year	4,122,042	3,555,684	2,928,375		
Expenditure from Excess Receipts—					
Grants to States					
Special Defence Provision	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375		
Post Office Works Provision					
Reduction of deficit					
Total	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375		
Accumulated balance	627,309	2,928,375			

Commonwealth Expenditure from General Loan Fund.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	Total to 30th June, 1943.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Defence and War (1939-43) Services— General Services, Works, &c. ..	..	28,814,046	101,581,230	210,876,328	402,852,114	744,123,718
Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.— Defence Buildings, Works, Sites ..	1,912,284	..	..	..	..	8,693,948
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works ..	..	..	..	..	..	214,291
Ships, Yards and Docks ..	Cr. 305,351	Cr. 14,016	Cr. 2,859	..	..	7,863,028
Lighthouses, Works and Services ..	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	635,490
River Murray Waters Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,105,625
Postmaster-General's Department— Telegraph and Telephone Construction ..	..	1,733,113	1,639,329	939,918	..	36,057,558
Buildings, Works, Sites, &c. ..	Cr. 1,290	120,050	220,382	244,940	Cr. 160	4,079,583
Subscription to Capital of Amalgamated Wireless Ltd. ..	..	..	..	..	..	300,000
Radio Stations and Equipment ..	..	29,509	3,711	15,082	..	104,538
Serum and Health Laboratories ..	..	..	..	..	..	80,149
Other Health Buildings and Services ..	..	..	..	Cr. 1,100	..	21,864
Repatriation Buildings, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	47,026
War Service Homes (a) ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,329,523
Railways ..	Cr. 339	Cr. 286	Cr. 2,240	Cr. 17,656	Cr. 34,746	13,824,282
Territories ..	Cr. 6,768	Cr. 10,783	Cr. 4,321	Cr. 7,406	Cr. 5,111	8,818,077
Other ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,061,928
Assistance to States— Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 3,822	Cr. 65,844	Cr. 45,284	Cr. 5,773	Cr. 6,043	2,443,561
Mining ..	..	..	..	..	..	283,750
Forestry ..	..	..	..	..	..	322,000
Farmers' Debt Adjustment ..	2,000,000	750,000	500,000	165,000	235,000	7,967,000
Roads ..	..	..	..	..	..	249,686
Wire and Wire Netting ..	..	..	..	..	..	608,849
Drought Relief ..	..	..	1,270,000	597,000	Cr. 22,795	1,844,205
Wheat Bounty ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,429,571
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. ..	3,593,714	2,540,743	3,628,218	1,929,005	165,145	110,385,532
GRAND TOTAL ..	3,593,714	31,354,789	105,209,448	212,805,333	403,017,259	854,509,250

(a) In addition, £13,045,408 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24.

(b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings.

Loans Raised in Australia during War (1939-43).

(Excludes Conversion Loans.)

Period of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Amount Subscribed.		Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			For War.	For other Purposes.		
1/12/39 ..	£'000. 12,000	C'wth. Bank	£'000. 2,000	£'000. 10,000	% 3½	1942, 1943, 1944
1/3/40 to 15/3/40 ..	18,000	14,339	7,676	10,489	3½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
29/5/40 to 14/6/40 ..	20,000	32,792	20,582	..	2½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
28/11/40 to 14/12/40 ..	28,000	21,830	20,505	8,000	2½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
30/4/41 to 19/5/41 ..	35,000	57,217	27,871	8,000	2½, 3½	1946, 1950-56
7/10/41 to 15/11/41 ..	30,000	83,379	34,153	..	2½, 3½	1945-46, 1950-57
17/2/42 to 10/3/42 ..	35,000	244,595	48,332	..	2½, 3½	1945-46, 1950-58
2/6/42 to 23/6/42 ..	35,000	196,541	37,375	..	2½, 3½	1946-47, 1950-58
3/11/42 to 15/12/42 ..	77,300	455,688	82,686	..	2½, 3½	1946-47, 1950-58
16/3/43 to 20/4/43 ..	100,000	433,365	101,822	..	2½, 3½	1947-48, 1950-59
5/10/43 to 9/11/43 ..	125,000	(a) 567,773	(a) 126,422	..	2½, 3½	1947-48, 1950-59
Total ..	515,300	2,107,519	(b) 509,429	36,489	..	..

(a) Not final.

(b) In addition, £8,652,566 raised for Defence purposes prior to 3rd September, 1939, was used for War purposes.

NOTE.—For a summary of loan liability, War (1939-43), as at 31st December, 1943, see following table.

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE
AT 31st DECEMBER, 1943.**

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£(Aust.)	£(Stg.)	£(a)	£(b)
War (1914-19)	166,250,589	90,744,381	..	256,994,970
War (1939-43)—				
Stock and Bonds	501,256,385	5,775,000	..	507,031,385
Advance Loan Subscrip- tions	11,920,520	..	..	11,920,520
National Savings Bonds ..	1,771,160	..	..	1,771,160
National Savings Stamps ..	34,141	..	..	34,141
Citizens' National Emer- gency Loans	6,036,223	353,500	..	6,389,723
War Savings Certificates ..	40,122,032	..	..	40,122,032
War Savings Stamps	463,129	..	..	463,129
Treasury Bills, Internal ..	17,396,000	..	..	17,396,000
Treasury Bills, Public ..	362,280,000	..	..	362,280,000
Total	941,279,590	6,128,500	..	947,408,090
Works and other Purposes	37,366,229	64,634,096	15,790,414	117,790,739
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	1,144,896,408	161,506,977	15,790,414	1,322,193,799
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£158 7 2	£22 6 9	£2 3 8	£182 17 7
State—				
Debts of the States	494,281,109	378,524,717	25,610,182	898,416,008
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£68 11 4	£52 10 2	£3 11 1	£124 12 7
Total Public Debt	1,639,177,517	540,031,694	41,400,596	2,220,609,807
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£226 14 6	£74 13 11	£5 14 6	£307 2 11

INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth—	£(Aust.)	£(Stg.)	£(a)	£(d)
War (1914-19)	6,382,815	(e)426,008	..	6,808,823
War (1939-43)	22,017,229	231,000	..	22,248,229
Works and other Purposes	1,065,461	2,628,251	771,780	4,465,492
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	29,465,505	3,285,259	771,780	33,522,544
Average Rate per cent. (f)	£2 11 9	£4 0 8	£4 17 9	£2 14 3
State—				
Debts of the States	16,624,063	14,483,134	1,272,666	32,379,863
Average Rate per cent. ..	£3 7 3	£3 16 6	£4 19 5	£3 12 1
Grand Total	46,089,568	17,768,393	2,044,446	65,902,407
Average Rate per cent.(f) ..	£2 16 5	£3 17 3	£4 18 9	£3 1 9

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.).

(b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated.

(c) Based on estimated aggregate population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) and of the six States at 30th June, 1943.

(d) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(e) Excludes suspended interest £3,919,774 on War Debt (£79,724,220) due to British Government.

(f) Interest Free Loans excluded when calculating rate.

AVERAGE VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN NOTES HELD BY THE BANKS AND BY THE PUBLIC.

Particulars.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.	Reserve.	
				Amount. (a)	Percentage on total circulation.
	£	£	£	£'000.	%
1939 (b)	14,403,326	35,186,843	49,590,169	16,030	32.4
1940 (b)	13,927,376	44,444,954	58,372,330	16,269	28.1
1941 (b)	14,318,069	55,069,055	69,387,124	18,559	26.8
1942 (b)	14,879,107	88,189,429	103,068,536	26,777	25.9
1943 (b)	15,456,884	126,935,667	142,392,551	36,518	25.7
1943 (c)—July	15,078,992	126,683,076	141,762,068	36,391	25.7
August	15,187,220	131,574,848	146,762,068	37,641	25.7
September	15,311,372	134,700,696	150,012,068	38,266	25.5
October	15,764,452	139,497,616	155,262,068	40,231	25.9
November	18,073,452	137,938,616	156,012,068	40,543	26.0
December	13,760,775	150,001,293	163,762,068	41,793	25.5

(a) Includes English sterling.
Monday in each month.

(b) Average of twelve monthly statements.

(c) On last

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING AT UNDERMENTIONED DATES.

Denomination.	25th December, 1939.	30th December, 1940.	29th December, 1941.	28th December, 1942.	27th December, 1943.
	£	£	£	£	£
10s.	4,806,450	5,120,126	5,524,992	6,463,315	7,510,896
£1	25,805,205	29,551,083	36,163,961	46,959,533	56,297,137
£5	15,254,440	18,947,665	25,683,405	43,693,760	60,098,765
£10	6,612,710	8,819,140	11,058,740	18,213,350	31,487,090
£20	95,960	78,280	63,540	59,560	52,440
£50	1,562,550	1,963,150	2,400,700	3,054,050	3,406,800
£100	2,614,900	3,060,000	3,499,700	4,349,800	4,560,000
£1,000	523,000	580,000	464,000	563,000	357,000
Held by banks	13,008,630	16,906,279	17,696,631	13,737,737	13,760,775
„ public	44,266,585	51,213,163	67,167,407	109,618,631	150,001,293
Total	57,275,215	68,119,444	84,864,038	123,356,368	163,762,068
Reserve(a)	Gold	341,212	74,864	74,839	73,780
	English	15,688,392	17,630,183	21,880,183	31,317,683
	Sterling.. .. .	15,688,392	17,630,183	21,880,183	31,317,683
	Total	16,029,604	17,705,047	21,955,022	31,391,463
Percentage on circulation	27.99	25.99	25.87	25.45	25.52

(a) Valued in Australian currency.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1943.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1943.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1943.		Pensions paid during 1942-43. (a)	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total Old-age and Invalid.	Old- age.	Inva- lid.	Old- age.	Inva- lid.	Amount.	Per head of Popn. (b)
	No.	No.	No.			<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	£	<i>s. d.</i>
New South Wales(c)	108,281	26,801	135,082	377	93	51 1	52 1	9,249,594	64 9
Victoria ..	72,102	11,938	84,040	364	60	51 1	51 8	5,715,065	57 11
Queensland	34,834	8,815	43,649	333	84	51 3	51 11	3,153,834	60 9
South Australia(d)	23,125	4,298	27,423	372	69	50 0	51 0	1,814,185	58 8
Western Australia	18,575	3,580	22,155	393	76	50 7	51 8	1,489,272	63 4
Tasmania ..	10,322	2,649	12,971	427	109	50 7	51 5	870,885	72 4
Total ..	267,239	58,081	325,320	369	80	50 11	51 10	22,292,835	61 11

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions.

(b) Based on mean population for the financial year.

(c) Includes A.C.T.

(d) Includes N.T.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population.(a)		Pensions Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension. (c)
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalid.		
No.	No.	No.			£	s. d.	
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	1,847,440	19 1
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	2,149,659	19 0
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,301,675	19 6
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,592,201	19 5
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19 5
1916 ..	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19 4
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24 3
1918 ..	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,793,037	24 3
1919 ..	95,969	31,999	127,968	185	62	3,936,626	24 2
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29 1
1921 ..	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	28 9
1922 ..	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,380,034	28 9
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,424,016	28 9
1924 ..	113,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	6,523,881	33 9
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33 8
1926 ..	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	38 7
1927 ..	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	9,144,589	38 6
1928 ..	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,790,346	38 5
1929 ..	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	38 5
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	38 5
1931 ..	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	38 4
1932 ..	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,125,956	38 3
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31 10
1934 ..	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	109	10,963,090	33 8
1935 ..	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,030	33 7
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	34 8
1937 ..	215,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,998,793	36 8
1938 ..	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	38 6
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	15,991,782	38 5
1940(d) ..	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	84	16,459,245	38 6
1941 ..	276,760	58,921	335,681	390	83	17,366,365	(c)41 5
1942 ..	275,456	60,597	336,053	386	85	19,257,025	(c)48 4
1943 ..	267,239	58,081	325,320	371	81	22,292,835	(c)51 1

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (c) Increases, including retail price adjustment since December, 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December, 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943. Rate £2 14s. 0d. from 19th August, 1943. (d) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pension list.

CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1943.

State.	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Number per 10,000 of population.		Amount paid during 1942-43.	
			Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)
	No.	No.			£	s. d.
New South Wales (c) ..	194,168	354,883	679	1,242	4,580,228	32 2
Victoria ..	124,986	218,511	631	1,103	2,902,616	29 5
Queensland ..	76,731	145,440	733	1,389	1,914,606	36 10
South Australia (d) ..	40,036	69,097	654	1,129	904,613	29 8
Western Australia ..	36,746	65,777	785	1,405	875,768	37 3
Tasmania ..	18,454	37,513	764	1,553	481,795	40 0
Total 1942-43 ..	491,121	891,221	681	1,236	11,659,626	32 6
1941-42 ..	487,674	895,558	680	1,248	11,302,863	31 8

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—16,938 at 30th June, 1943; 14,289 at 30th June, 1942. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1943. (a)

State.	Pensions Current.(b)		Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Four-weekly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1942-43.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per head of Population.
			No.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.
New South Wales(c)	14,998	52	7,519	5 9 9	949,283	6 8
Victoria	10,710	54	3,574	5 0 4	602,957	6 1
Queensland	5,755	55	2,485	5 5 1	413,486	8 0
South Australia (d)	2,966	48	1,055	5 0 8	160,464	5 3
Western Australia	2,596	55	926	5 1 1	153,471	6 6
Tasmania	1,377	57	655	5 5 1	79,337	6 7
Total	38,402	53	16,214	5 5 0	2,358,998	6 7

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942.

(b) Excludes six pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums.

(c) Includes A.C.T.

(d) Includes N.T.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCE.

Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1937 ..	31,086	20,350	12,170	6,854	4,731	4,018	45	79,254	370,150
1938 ..	30,440	20,160	12,660	6,656	5,026	4,029	29	79,000	400,004
1939 ..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916	436,614
1940 ..	29,700	19,660	12,290	7,009	4,774	3,883	36	77,352	416,964
1941 ..	28,540	19,150	12,481	6,831	4,775	3,877	38	75,692	407,533
1942 ..	24,481	16,120	12,113	5,724	4,320	3,620	13	66,391	358,538
1943 ..	19,182	11,874	9,651	4,197	4,025	3,018	9	51,956	281,052
Totals since 10.10.12	1,341,149	881,088	507,387	294,681	215,725	146,779	1,124	3,387,933	16,714,945

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

WAR PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1943.

Place.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.		
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales	28,518	10,465	39,022	78,005	2 7 11	1 5 2	1 13 6
Victoria.. ..	25,921	9,251	36,583	71,755	2 3 4	1 3 11	1 10 11
Queensland ..	9,229	3,098	13,012	25,339	2 9 10	1 3 10	1 13 4
South Australia ..	5,187	2,801	7,093	15,081	2 8 6	1 8 4	1 15 4
Western Australia	7,138	2,764	10,343	20,245	2 7 4	1 5 1	1 12 11
Tasmania ..	3,456	1,221	5,775	10,452	3 1 8	1 2 10	1 15 8
United Kingdom ..	1,493	1,615	2,141	5,249	2 13 7	1 16 2	2 1 1
Elsewhere ..	298	118	311	727	2 3 9	1 9 1	1 15 1
Total 1942-43 ..	81,240	31,333	114,280	226,853	2 7 4	1 5 0	1 13 0
1941-42 ..	76,641	27,679	116,019	220,339	1 19 8	0 19 1	1 6 3

SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1943.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pensions Current—							
Old-age (Members of Forces) ..	1,623	1,159	674	301	440	73	4,270
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces	1,022	834	773	414	452	200	3,695
Dependants ..	1,186	1,057	795	459	459	265	4,221
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	229	112	34	27	40	10	452
Dependants ..	305	147	64	51	63	16	646
Total 1942-43 ..	4,365	3,309	2,340	1,252	1,454	564	13,284
1941-42 ..	4,661	3,354	2,649	1,392	1,561	629	14,246
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	2 4 3	2 3 11	2 5 3	2 5 5	2 1 2	2 2 7	2 4 1
Dependants ..	1 7 7	1 8 6	1 7 4	1 8 5	1 8 6	1 5 4	1 7 10
All Pensioners 1942-43 ..	1 18 7	1 18 4	1 18 8	1 18 6	1 16 7	1 14 0	1 18 1
1941-42 ..	1 14 6	1 14 8	1 14 4	1 13 10	1 14 2	1 8 1	1 14 1

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

(i) WAR PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	2,661,271	2,674,462	2,618,564	2,560,477	2,576,241	2,897,870
Victoria ..	2,334,448	2,353,107	2,317,417	2,252,227	2,255,233	2,497,300
Queensland ..	874,872	890,710	873,635	853,757	846,584	943,691
South Australia ..	493,255	497,230	497,743	485,919	494,166	575,168
Western Australia ..	689,528	696,833	685,019	671,457	668,617	752,885
Tasmania ..	397,199	403,747	404,154	396,814	393,406	434,228
Elsewhere ..	310,634	303,200	285,714	267,880	267,664	265,854
Total ..	7,761,207	7,819,289	7,682,246	7,488,631	7,501,911	8,366,996

(ii) SERVICE PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	96,327	118,443	148,599	162,925	185,315	218,173
Victoria ..	84,365	103,292	118,577	126,975	140,916	163,116
Queensland ..	57,543	72,717	80,364	88,088	106,120	119,032
South Australia ..	45,023	51,474	54,377	57,758	60,105	61,953
Western Australia ..	36,344	46,044	51,651	55,783	64,652	73,503
Tasmania ..	10,254	15,157	18,695	19,564	22,548	24,332
Elsewhere ..	10	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	329,871	407,127	472,263	511,103	579,656	660,109

(a) Includes 1939-43 War—1940-41, £18,772, 1941-42, £207,324, 1942-43, £659,384.

(b) Includes 1939-43 War—£2,314.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1941-42.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income.	Number of Taxpayers.	Tax Assessed.			Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage on Total Tax Assessed.
		Ordinary.	War Tax.	Total.		
Individuals—	No.	£	£	£	£ s. d.	%
War Tax only ..	592,359	..	1,691,281	1,691,281	2 17 1	2.4
£1 to £200 ..	484,678	2,750,062	2,691,963	5,442,025	11 4 7	7.8
£201 to £500 ..	200,729	4,654,356	1,833,002	6,487,358	32 6 5	9.3
£501 to £1,000 ..	68,253	5,394,068	1,087,824	6,481,892	94 16 7	9.3
£1,001 and over ..	31,259	26,175,022	1,074,118	27,249,140	871 14 5	38.9
Total Individuals ..	1,377,378	38,973,508	8,378,188	47,351,696	34 7 7	67.7
Companies ..	14,349	19,916,018	62,713,261	82,629,279	1,577 1 3	32.3
GRAND TOTAL ..	..	..	..	69,980,975	..	100.0

(a) Assessed on income for year 1940-41. (b) Super Tax. (c) Excludes War-time (Company) Tax, £4,089,608 and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £7,496,682.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—					
Resident Owners ..	21,028	20,956	21,395	21,959	21,921
Absentee Owners ..	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562	2,450
TOTAL ..	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521	24,371
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£	£	£	£	£
Resident ..	225,774,692	228,207,419	234,273,013	244,512,737	244,222,515
Absentee ..	1,999,905	2,047,766	1,892,564	1,685,096	1,444,489
TOTAL ..	227,774,597	230,255,185	236,165,577	246,197,833	245,667,004
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident ..	257,346,942	257,277,026	272,109,061	277,242,136	275,288,688
Absentee ..	2,167,995	2,196,814	2,080,107	1,991,916	1,580,307
TOTAL ..	259,514,937	259,473,840	274,189,168	279,234,052	276,868,995
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	924,749	1,045,591	1,195,246	2,453,928	2,897,198
Absentee Owners ..	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL ..	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,917,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	339,487	372,713	388,763	784,293	889,928
Absentee Owners ..	3,267	3,342	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL ..	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,584,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners ..	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	25,537
TOTAL ..	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED ac.	457,636,000	456,695,994	456,131,125	463,556,163	462,701,713
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per ac.	1.427d.	1.592d.	1.680d.	2.985d.	3.426d.

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1942-43.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	No.	£	£	£
1-1,000 ..	2,704	6,131,107	1,122,238	33,639
1,001-2,000 ..	1,403	4,877,652	2,051,688	59,995
2,001-3,000 ..	883	4,122,043	2,176,643	64,287
3,001-4,000 ..	578	3,252,959	2,010,544	59,980
4,001-5,000 ..	406	2,807,917	1,807,107	53,959
5,001-10,000 ..	1,008	9,556,545	6,900,013	207,185
10,001-20,000 ..	620	10,487,706	8,534,642	364,264
20,001-50,000 ..	301	11,379,829	8,933,008	731,432
50,001 and over ..	71	8,353,658	5,998,847	1,123,541
Total ..	7,974	60,999,416	39,534,730	2,698,282

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1942-43.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable in each month.—Australia.(a)

Year 1941-42.

Quarter Ended.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods. (b)	Taxable Sales.(b)							Sales Tax Payable. (b)
		5 per cent.(c)	10 per cent.(c)	12½ per cent.(d)	15 per cent.(e)	20 per cent.(e)	25 per cent.(d)	Total.	
September ..	£'000. 143,553	£'000. 13,913	£'000. 38,270	£'000. ..	£'000. 8,858	£'000. ..	£'000. ..	£'000. 61,041	£'000. 5,850
December ..	149,728	6,817	44,391	..	3,117	6,810	..	60,635	6,584
March ..	140,570	2,404	43,363	..	..	8,404	..	54,171	6,136
June ..	147,295	756	15,517	27,988	..	3,318	4,984	52,563	6,997
Total Year ..	581,146	23,390	141,541	27,988	11,975	18,532	4,984	228,410	25,567

Year 1942-43.

Month.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)			Sales Tax Payable. (b)
		12½ per cent.(d)	25 per cent.(d)	Total.	
July	£'000. 51,353	£'000. 16,057	£'000. 2,806	£'000. 18,863	£'000. 2,709
August	51,248	15,457	2,883	18,340	2,649
September	49,013	14,105	2,824	16,929	2,467
Total, September Qtr.	151,614	45,619	8,513	54,132	7,825
October	50,922	14,307	2,720	17,027	2,467
November	49,577	14,357	2,624	16,981	2,454
December	51,290	14,027	3,156	17,183	2,540
Total, December Qtr.	151,789	42,691	8,500	51,191	7,461
January	44,230	11,952	2,187	14,139	2,040
February	49,623	13,370	2,132	15,502	2,203
March	51,510	15,139	2,407	17,546	2,515
Total, March Qtr.	145,363	40,461	6,816	47,277	6,758
April	48,659	14,172	2,216	16,388	2,318
May	50,327	14,410	2,309	16,719	2,377
June	48,711	14,136	2,006	16,142	2,268
Total, June Qtr.	147,697	42,718	6,531	49,249	6,963
Total, Year	596,463	171,489	30,360	201,849	29,007

Year 1943-44.

Month.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)				Sales Tax Payable. (b).
		7½ per cent.(f).	12½ per cent.(d)	25 per cent.(d)	Total.	
July	£'000. 50,079	£'000. 1,330	£'000. 13,899	£'000. 2,525	£'000. 17,754	£'000. 2,468
August	50,752	5,338	10,473	2,363	18,174	2,299
September(g)	51,700	5,200	10,700	2,500	18,400	2,344
Total September Quarter(g)	152,531	11,868	35,072	7,388	54,328	7,111
October(g)	51,000	4,800	10,700	2,600	18,100	2,353

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade.
 (b) Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (c) The rates 5 per cent., 10 per cent. and 15 per cent. came into operation on 22nd November, 1940. (d) The rates 12½ per cent. and 25 per cent. came into operation on 1st May, 1942. (e) The rate of 20 per cent. replaced the rate of 15 per cent. from 30th October, 1941.
 (f) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent. (g) Partly estimated—subject to revision.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Adjustments have been made to the Budget figures, however, in order to obviate duplications caused by inter-fund payments and to maintain uniformity from year to year in the presentation of statistics. A deduction of £799,998 has thus been made from the Budget Revenue total of £72,333,926, and of £1,200,250 from the Expenditure total of £71,189,568, the surplus thus obtained being £1,544,610 instead of the Budget surplus of £1,144,358. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and have not been adjusted.

STATE REVENUES, 1942-43.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Taxation (b) ..	9,510,979	5,330,909	2,585,513	1,789,121	1,164,770	832,539	21,213,831
Railways ..	34,071,958	17,070,396	16,953,905	45,875,668	4,446,370	..	78,418,297
Tramways (c) ..	5,581,845	(f) 119,443	..	..	469,751	..	6,171,039
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,702,324	2,622,377	871	1,961,556	1,874,800	5,440	8,167,368
Land ..	1,755,010	723,265	1,591,067	265,368	317,033	93,436	4,745,179
Interest (n.e.i.) ..	422,345	1,591,213	1,060,157	1,023,006	454,926	457,169	5,008,816
Commonwealth Payments (g) ..	14,184,169	7,566,164	6,202,135	3,598,150	3,449,619	1,645,558	36,645,795
All other Sources ..	4,305,298	1,466,157	890,424	679,652	974,409	256,182	8,572,122
Total Revenue ..	71,533,928	36,489,924	29,284,072	15,192,521	13,151,678	3,290,324	168,942,447
Total Revenue per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 25 2 8	£ s. d. 18 9 11	£ s. d. 28 3 10	£ s. d. 24 18 1	£ s. d. 27 19 5	£ s. d. 13 13 5	£ s. d. 23 10 8

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1928-29 AND 1938-39 TO 1942-43.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929 ..	46,240,658	27,286,329	16,725,682	10,840,914	9,947,951	2,766,434	113,807,968
1939 ..	51,709,735	26,985,548	19,330,369	12,303,597	10,949,660	3,614,764	124,893,673
1940 ..	54,754,626	28,102,735	20,755,504	12,755,648	11,119,943	3,055,310	130,543,766
1941 ..	59,895,571	29,182,657	21,539,749	12,924,663	11,432,068	3,921,573	137,896,281
1942 ..	65,865,678	33,112,372	23,662,947	15,002,030	11,940,149	3,358,707	152,941,883
1943 ..	71,533,928	36,489,924	29,284,072	15,192,521	13,151,678	3,290,324	168,942,447

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1942-43.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	15,507,470	8,374,804	6,582,516	5,344,587	4,581,924	1,373,440	41,764,741
Railways ..	26,997,307	13,607,889	10,957,836	4,353,360	3,489,921	3,846	59,410,159
Tramways (e) ..	5,140,731	..	..	..	345,401	..	5,486,132
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	913,336	1,362,048	1,671	780,304	1,024,565	(d) 254,510	4,336,434
Education ..	6,121,408	3,357,906	1,781,289	1,103,033	914,422	499,154	13,777,212
Hospitals ..	2,761,051	1,536,211	738,414	604,999	418,885	179,945	6,239,505
Other Charities ..	1,720,488	1,516,791	707,787	181,491	230,785	108,755	4,466,097
All other Expenditure	10,827,527	5,979,944	38,412,539	2,591,879	2,121,339	980,154	30,913,382
Total Expenditure	69,989,318	35,735,593	29,182,052	14,959,653	13,127,242	3,399,804	166,393,662
Total Expenditure per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 24 11 10	£ s. d. 18 2 3	£ s. d. 28 1 10	£ s. d. 24 10 5	£ s. d. 27 18 4	£ s. d. 14 2 6	£ s. d. 23 3 7

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1928-29 AND 1938-39 TO 1942-43.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929 ..	48,159,691	27,251,578	16,902,145	11,771,772	10,223,919	2,855,977	117,165,082
1939 ..	54,163,064	27,772,790	19,316,323	12,700,921	11,170,102	3,640,748	128,763,948
1940 ..	57,049,577	28,096,474	20,739,749	12,918,376	11,266,768	3,052,909	133,123,853
1941 ..	60,319,036	29,040,357	21,511,313	13,007,598	11,420,957	3,103,204	138,402,465
1942 ..	64,824,193	32,320,072	23,599,175	13,712,354	11,938,381	3,357,122	149,751,297
1943 ..	69,989,318	35,735,593	29,182,052	14,959,653	13,127,242	3,399,804	166,393,662

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1942-43, see p. 40. Excludes Commonwealth reimbursements. (c) Gross collections. (d) Includes £120,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (e) Includes Omnibuses. (f) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (g) Includes Commonwealth Income and Entertainments Tax reimbursements. (h) Based on mean population for the financial year. (i) Losses of Transport Commission. (j) Includes £4,000,000 transferred to Post-war Reconstruction and Development Fund. An additional £1,250,000 is included in Railway expenditure.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1942-43.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Railways ..	1,550,731	540,506	181,866	414,691	6,644	103,094	2,797,532
Tramways (b) ..	Cr. 21,106			Cr. 37,681	71,949	..	13,162
Roads and Bridges ..	10,184	Cr. 30,399	Cr. 12,627	Cr. 17,000	..	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	78,926	Cr. 7,272	471,855	53,813	66,258	18,573	632,311
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	57,124	26,947	175,000	1,113,871	38,069	..	1,411,011
Electricity Supply ..	66,537	..	..	..	46,137	442,500	555,174
Public Buildings ..	278,838	181,687	186,649	Cr. 419,072	27,432	94,189	349,723
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 134,106	Cr. 63,729	..	..	..	Cr. 11,287	Cr. 209,122
Other Public Works, &c. ..	29,325	Cr. 3,463	Cr. 293,748	Cr. 134,930	102	75,101	Cr. 327,613
Primary Production—Land Settlement (c) ..	Cr. 744	Cr. 538,934	Cr. 40,547	Cr. 327,391	Cr. 70,583	Cr. 143,496	Cr. 1,121,695
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	Cr. 12,967	..	Cr. 11,164	Cr. 45,366	11,788	..	Cr. 57,709
Other ..	Cr. 1,220	95,288	Cr. 102,667	Cr. 68,071	116,307	Cr. 3,560	36,077
Other purposes ..	..	..	Cr. 100,046	45,500	62,789	..	8,243
Total Works, &c. ..	1,901,522	200,631	454,571	578,364	376,892	575,114	4,087,094
Per Head (d) ..	£ s. d. 0 13 4	£ s. d. 0 2 0	£ s. d. 0 8 9	£ s. d. 0 19 0	£ s. d. 0 16 0	£ s. d. 2 7 9	£ s. d. 0 11 5
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	Cr. 3,300,000	..	..	Cr. 582,746	Cr. 24,436	..	Cr. 3,906,782
Other (e) ..	312,611	..	..	45,058	72,711	Cr. 74,110	356,270
Grand Total ..	Cr. 1,085,867	200,631	454,571	41,076	425,167	501,004	536,582

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Based on mean population for the financial year. (e) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c.

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1943.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways and Tramways ..	165,839	78,776	66,404	39,507	27,064	7,514	385,104
Roads and Bridges ..	20,943	12,646	5,296	3,858	3,183	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	22,230	1,405	3,305	8,538	7,586	7,265	96,255
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	40,953	31,872	1,807	21,929	14,889	..	111,450
Electricity Supply ..	2,545	17,839	..	..	1,909	7,511	29,804
Public Buildings ..	17,833	8,207	7,485	3,825	2,784	2,962	43,096
Unemployment Relief ..	17,157	13,139	..	..	(b)	344	30,640
Other Public Works, &c. (c) ..	11,580	3,669	26,059	7,989	3,074	(d) 4,258	56,629
Primary Production—Land Settlement ..	12,327	44,058	5,610	11,680	17,733	2,929	94,337
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	19,465	..	1,982	9,188	3,864	..	34,499
Other ..	7,818	5,396	8,123	2,191	14,192	31	37,751
Other purposes ..	89	212	324	4,243	3,599	..	8,467
Total Works ..	338,779	217,219	126,395	112,948	99,877	32,814	928,032
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	39,530	4,864	5,826	8,669	12,080	1,017	71,986
Other ..	18,127	5,834	10,333	1,271	4,169	..	39,734
Grand Total ..	396,436	227,917	142,554	122,888	116,126	33,831	1,039,752

(a) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (b) Not available separately—distributed over individual items. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, Housing, Immigration, &c. (d) Includes Loan Flotation Expenses.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1943.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (b)	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (c)
New South Wales ..	194,033	154,342	11,864	360,239	6,273	5,813	574	12,660
Victoria ..	109,387	62,049	4,499	175,935	3,950	2,316	221	6,487
Queensland ..	60,510	62,788	5,271	128,569	2,129	2,513	279	4,921
South Australia ..	63,846	42,850	1,733	108,429	2,253	1,680	86	4,019
Western Australia ..	51,136	43,837	2,015	96,988	1,713	1,691	101	3,505
Tasmania ..	15,204	13,247	228	28,679	545	488	11	1,044
Total ..	494,116	379,113	25,610	898,839	16,863	14,501	1,272	32,636

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable, takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

State, &c.	Six months ended December—					
	1942-43.			1943-44.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales(a) ..	30,650	33,643	— 2,993	32,234	34,837	— 2,603
Victoria ..	13,587	15,858	— 2,271	14,202	16,304	— 2,102
Queensland ..	12,899	11,577	+ 1,322	12,975	12,397	+ 578
South Australia ..	6,549	7,150	— 601	6,678	7,478	— 800
Western Australia ..	5,865	6,278	— 413	6,260	6,638	— 378
Tasmania ..	1,413	1,817	— 404	1,545	1,843	— 298
Total, Six States ..	70,963	76,323	— 5,360	73,894	79,497	— 5,603
Commonwealth ..	104,853	104,853	..	134,179	134,179	..
Grand Total (b) ..	167,474	172,834	— 5,360	194,521	200,124	— 5,603

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget.

(b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants. Deductions have also been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government.

REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS AND TAXATION AND EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

State, &c.	Revenue from Commonwealth Payments.(a)		Revenue from Taxation. (b)		Expenditure— Administration, Works and Social Services, including Unemployment Relief.	
	Six months ended December—					
	1942-43.	1943-44.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	3,824	7,218	6,013	2,850	10,482	19,104
Victoria ..	3,249	4,283	2,674	1,837	5,915	5,900
Queensland ..	2,457	2,861	1,490	1,081	3,704	3,578
South Australia ..	1,732	1,889	866	747	1,995	2,008
Western Australia ..	1,802	2,243	699	459	1,745	1,883
Tasmania ..	854	995	448	451	877	907
Total, Six States ..	13,918	19,489	12,190	7,425	24,718	24,380
Commonwealth ..	..	..	88,075	114,803	60,255	87,056
Grand Total ..	13,918	19,489	100,265	122,228	93,973	111,436

(a) Includes amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement, 1927, with Special State Grants and with the Income and Entertainment Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942.

(b) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections.

(c) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Includes Defence and War Services (excluding interest, &c., charges), 1942-43, £40,904,000; 1943-44, £57,187,000.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.(a)

State, &c.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Six months ended December—							
	1942-43.		1943-44.		1942-43.		1943-44.	
	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	16,481	3,732	17,757	3,784	12,547	2,755	13,791	2,972
Victoria(<i>b</i>) ..	7,175	142	7,630	183	5,506	213	6,003	208
Queensland(<i>c</i>) ..	8,275	..	8,333	..	4,604	..	5,547	..
South Australia ..	2,773	1,060	2,849	1,080	2,131	367	2,400	433
Western Australia ..	2,097	1,125	2,185	1,205	1,641	569	1,782	655
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	(<i>d</i>) 185	..	(<i>d</i>) 195	..
Total, Six States ..	36,801	6,059	38,754	6,252	26,614	3,904	29,718	4,268
Commonwealth ..	1,392	11,813	1,791	13,438	925	8,947	1,190	10,015
Grand Total ..	38,193	17,872	40,545	19,690	27,539	12,851	30,908	14,283

(a) Excludes interest, &c., charges.

(b) Railways and State Coal-mine only.

(c) Railways only.

(d) Expenditure on account of losses by Transport Commission.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1942-43.(a)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties.	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing). (b)	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
N. South Wales	..	4,347,457	2,130	2,882,050	1,203,885	2,243,807	376,236	699,221	11,754,786
Victoria ..	..	1,731,316	355,007	1,517,895	809,237	1,492,745	486,964	468,026	6,861,190
Queensland ..	..	751,750	391,268	631,929	427,869	738,956	79,313	326,616	3,347,701
South Australia	..	227,080	305,577	381,710	211,632	561,618	33,979	67,525	1,789,121
Western Aust.	..	443,453	132,102	179,288	195,103	356,804	109,110	127,126	1,542,986
Tasmania ..	..	183,496	92,565	120,665	68,246	198,941	42,075	325,492	1,031,480
Total States ..	..	7,684,552	1,278,649	5,713,537	2,915,972	5,592,871	1,127,677	2,014,006	26,327,264
Commonwealth	64,878,120	141,027,271	3,873,115	2,696,000	..	..	2,994,426	41,674,588	257,143,520
Grand Total	64,878,120	148,711,823	5,151,764	8,409,537	2,915,972	5,592,871	4,122,103	43,688,594	283,470,784

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(c)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
N. South Wales	..	1 10 7	..	1 0 3	0 8 6	0 15 9	0 2 8	0 4 11	4 2 8
Victoria ..	..	0 17 7	0 3 7	0 15 5	0 8 3	0 15 2	0 4 1	0 5 6	3 9 7
Queensland ..	..	0 14 5	0 7 6	0 12 2	0 8 3	0 14 2	0 1 7	0 6 4	3 4 5
South Australia	..	0 7 4	0 9 10	0 13 1	0 6 11	0 18 4	0 0 11	0 2 2	2 18 7
Western Aust.	..	0 18 8	0 5 8	0 7 8	0 8 4	0 15 2	0 4 8	0 5 5	3 5 7
Tasmania ..	..	0 15 3	0 7 9	0 10 0	0 5 8	0 16 7	0 3 6	1 7 0	4 5 9
Total States ..	..	1 1 5	0 3 7	0 15 11	0 8 2	0 15 7	0 3 2	0 5 7	3 13 5
Commonwealth	9 0 3	19 11 10	0 10 9	0 7 6	..	..	0 8 4	5 15 9	35 14 5
Grand Total	9 0 3	20 13 2	0 14 4	1 3 4	0 8 1	0 15 7	0 11 5	6 1 4	39 7 6

(a) The foregoing particulars include those amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 27 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.			Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Other.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£
1938-39 ..	47,632,365	26,404,534	74,036,899	50,506,997	124,543,896
1939-40 ..	53,824,906	36,185,757	90,010,663	54,386,815	144,397,478
1940-41 ..	53,779,783	71,603,739	125,383,522	56,304,176	181,687,698
1941-42 ..	56,780,808	122,654,537	179,435,345	57,259,478	236,694,823
1942-43 ..	64,878,120	192,265,400	257,143,520	26,327,264	283,470,784

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(b)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1938-39 ..	6 17 7	3 16 3	10 13 10	7 6 2	17 19 6
1939-40 ..	7 13 11	5 3 5	12 17 4	7 16 0	20 13 0
1940-41 ..	7 12 2	10 2 7	17 14 9	7 19 10	25 14 1
1941-42 ..	7 19 1	17 3 9	25 2 10	8 1 0	33 3 3
1942-43 ..	9 0 3	26 14 2	35 14 5	(a) 3 13 5	39 7 6

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (b) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1942-43.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Commonwealth Re-imbursements—							
Income Tax	£ 11,146,135	£ 5,159,061	£ 5,105,900	£ 2,141,552	£ 2,102,547	£ 776,347	£ 26,481,542
Entertainments Tax	120,623	279,944	..	72,782	73,640	27,352	574,341
Total ..	11,266,758	5,439,005	5,105,900	2,214,334	2,176,187	803,699	27,005,883
State Collections	11,754,786	6,861,190	3,347,701	1,789,121	1,542,986	1,031,480	26,327,264
Grand Total ..	23,021,544	12,300,195	8,453,601	4,003,455	3,719,173	1,835,179	53,333,147
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per head of population	8 1 10	6 4 9	8 2 9	6 11 3	7 18 2	7 12 6	7 8 7

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

Six months ended December	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Commonwealth.(a)	Grand Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1942-43	1,183	167	207	Cr.1,304	238	Cr. 61	430	205,922	206,352
1943-44	1,234	191	Cr. 41	Cr. 33	51	129	1,531	212,736	214,267

(a) Gross Expenditure, all Defence and War Services, except £76,000 in 1942-43.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.—(i) TOTAL DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
PUBLIC DEBT.						
Commonwealth—						
War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	175,193,890	173,028,896	171,240,024	167,219,614	166,531,732
	London £Stg.	90,744,381	90,744,381	90,744,380	90,744,380	90,744,380
War (1939-43)	Australia £A.	46,808,759	46,808,759	109,649,579	321,344,875	712,578,263
	London £Stg.	..	5,810,000	17,875,000	17,875,000	18,128,500
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	43,302,593	37,279,030	39,458,596	39,956,165	38,241,177
	London £Stg.	72,096,566	65,779,396	65,384,097	65,134,096	64,884,096
	New York £Stg.	15,913,501	15,876,718	15,876,718	15,876,718	15,790,414
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,496,483	257,116,685	320,348,199	528,520,654	917,351,172
	London £Stg.	162,840,947	162,333,777	174,003,477	173,753,476	173,756,976
	New York £Stg.	15,913,501	15,876,718	15,876,718	15,876,718	15,790,414
Total ..	..	397,250,931	435,327,180	510,228,394	718,150,848	1,106,898,562
State ..	Australia £A.	485,179,757	493,646,681	504,494,372	504,439,305	494,115,500
	London £Stg.	384,327,833	384,162,382	384,041,606	380,422,219	379,113,037
	New York £Stg.	28,264,451	27,918,001	27,486,068	25,816,388	25,610,182
Total ..	..	897,772,041	905,727,064	916,022,046	910,677,912	898,838,719
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	703,676,240	750,763,366	824,842,571	1,032,959,959	1,411,466,672
	London £Stg.	547,168,780	546,496,159	558,045,083	554,175,695	552,870,013
	New York £Stg.	44,177,952	43,794,719	43,362,786	41,693,106	41,400,596
Total ..	..	1,295,022,972	1,341,054,244	1,426,250,440	1,628,828,760	2,005,737,281

(ii) DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
PER HEAD OF POPULATION.						
Commonwealth—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	25 3 4	24 12 2	24 2 3	23 6 2	23 0 8
	London £Stg.	13 0 9	12 18 2	12 15 6	12 13 0	12 11 0
War (1939-43)	Australia £A.	..	6 13 2	15 8 6	44 15 10	98 11 2
	London £Stg.	..	0 16 6	2 10 5	2 9 10	2 10 2
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	6 4 5	5 6 0	5 11 1	5 11 5	5 5 10
	London £Stg.	10 7 1	9 7 1	9 4 1	9 1 7	8 19 6
	New York £Stg.	2 5 9	2 5 2	2 4 9	2 4 3	2 3 8
Total ..	Australia £A.	31 7 9	36 11 4	45 2 1	73 13 5	126 17 8
	London £Stg.	23 7 10	23 1 9	24 10 0	24 4 5	24 0 8
	New York £Stg.	2 5 9	2 5 2	2 4 9	2 4 3	2 3 8
Total ..	..	57 1 4	61 18 3	71 16 10	100 2 1	153 2 0
State ..	Australia £A.	69 17 8	70 8 4	71 5 4	70 10 5	68 10 10
	London £Stg.	55 7 2	54 15 11	54 5 0	53 3 8	52 11 10
	New York £Stg.	4 1 5	3 19 8	3 17 8	3 12 2	3 11 1
Total ..	..	129 6 3	129 3 11	129 8 0	127 6 3	124 13 9
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	101 1 10	106 15 6	116 2 9	143 19 8	195 4 7
	London £Stg.	78 12 1	77 14 6	78 11 5	77 4 11	76 9 5
	New York £Stg.	6 6 11	6 4 7	6 2 1	5 16 3	5 14 6
Total ..	..	186 0 10	190 14 7	200 16 3	227 0 10	277 8 6

(iii)—INTEREST PAYABLE.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A.	8,344,627	9,420,640	11,248,796	16,135,040	25,144,319
	London £Stg. (a)	3,403,554	3,387,796	3,736,322	3,655,830	3,290,884
	New York £Stg.	777,586	775,930	775,930	775,930	771,780
Total(b) ..	..	12,525,767	13,584,366	15,761,048	20,566,800	29,206,983
State ..	Australia £A.	17,240,238	17,593,171	17,866,911	17,283,764	16,862,701
	London £Stg.	14,962,882	14,958,802	14,954,603	14,500,345	14,500,853
	New York £Stg.	1,441,476	1,420,694	1,304,925	1,282,976	1,272,666
Total(b) ..	..	33,644,596	33,972,667	34,216,439	33,067,085	32,636,220
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	25,584,865	27,013,811	29,115,707	33,418,804	42,007,020
	London £Stg. (a)	18,366,436	18,346,598	18,690,925	18,156,175	17,791,737
	New York £Stg.	2,219,062	2,196,624	2,177,855	2,058,906	2,044,446
Total(b) ..	..	46,170,363	47,557,033	49,977,487	53,633,885	61,843,203

(a) Excludes suspended interest (£3,919,774) on War Debt to British Government (£279,724,220). (b) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange.

(iv)—AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.						
Commonwealth and State	Australia London(a) New York	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		3 12 9	3 12 4	3 11 1	3 5 1	2 19 9
		3 18 7	3 18 7	3 18 2	3 16 7	3 17 3
		5 0 6	5 0 4	5 0 2	4 18 9	4 18 9
		3 16 0	3 15 8	3 14 6	3 9 6	3 4 10

(a) See note (a) above. (b) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable, taking no account of exchange.

(v)—SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At—								
		30th June, 1936.	30th June, 1937.	30th June, 1938.	30th June, 1939.	30th June, 1940.	30th June, 1941.	30th June, 1942.	30th June, 1943.	31st Dec., 1943.
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A. London £Stg.	£'000. 10,220	£'000. 9,720	£'000. 5,495	£'000. 4,220	£'000. 3,970	£'000. 1,750 3,720	£'000. 83,500 3,470	£'000. 259,250 3,220	£'000. 362,280 2,970
State ..	Australia £A. London £Stg.	47,013 23,155	46,408 23,155	46,598 23,155	50,228 23,155	45,463 23,155	45,423 23,155	45,083 24,879	39,200 23,730	40,275 23,155
Total ..	Australia £A. London £Stg.	47,013 33,375	46,408 32,875	46,598 28,650	50,228 27,375	45,463 27,125	47,173 26,875	128,583 28,349	298,450 26,950	402,555 26,125

(a) Excludes Overdrafts.

(D.) BANKING.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (Including Commonwealth Bank.)

Quarter ended—	Deposits.			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Percentage Non-interest-bearing to Total Deposits.	Percentage Advances to Total Deposits.
	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest. (a)	Total.				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	%
June, 1939 ..	140,225	250,562	390,787	332,688	93,820	35.6	81.3
" 1940 ..	170,778	268,196	438,974	347,380	118,733	38.9	75.7
" 1941 ..	189,643	268,408	458,051	330,535	142,928	41.3	68.9
" 1942 ..	227,076	255,646	482,722	323,850	198,429	47.0	64.0
Mar., 1943 ..	299,476	278,119	577,595	284,714	324,970	51.8	46.9
June, 1943 ..	314,609	301,820	616,429	291,680	352,250	50.9	45.1
Sept., 1943 ..	316,961	289,424	606,385	288,873	350,100	52.2	45.4
Dec., 1943 ..	338,869	292,744	631,613	277,070	380,928	53.6	41.8

(a) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of E.S. and A. and Queensland National Banks. (b) Includes Short-term Loans, other than Treasury Bills of the Commonwealth Bank. (c) In computing the ratios the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

AVERAGE LIABILITIES IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.
				Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.(a)	Total.	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1939..	167	3,066	810	120,112	203,852	323,964	328,007
" 1940..	167	3,592	1,000	138,438	214,686	353,124	357,883
" 1941..	167	3,580	932	157,746	209,956	367,702	372,381
" 1942..	167	3,912	1,061	193,619	195,493	389,112	394,252
Mar., 1943..	167	4,152	928	250,190	197,143	447,333	452,580
June, 1943..	167	4,452	955	258,441	199,519	457,960	463,534
Sept., 1943..	167	4,083	859	257,968	207,359	465,327	470,436
Dec., 1943..	167	4,732	1,117	277,112	210,867	487,979	493,995

(a) Includes inscribed deposit stock of the Queensland National and E.S. and A. Banks.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

AVERAGE ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Coin and Bullion.	Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Government and Municipal Securities.(a)	Special War-time Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Land and House Property.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Discounts, Overdrafts and all other assets.	Total Assets.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1939..	3,006	27,449	47,298	..	9,558	1,631	2,184	290,776	381,902
" 1940..	2,193	36,793	83,617	..	9,983	2,099	2,340	286,784	423,809
" 1941..	2,139	34,225	102,354	..	10,297	2,737	2,537	283,054	437,343
" 1942..	1,533	37,049	95,837	36,797	9,996	3,246	3,551	269,944	457,953
Mar., 1943..	1,812	42,135	140,488	80,472	9,899	2,782	3,896	236,361	517,845
June, 1943..	1,819	30,573	133,785	100,401	9,881	2,855	3,928	244,776	528,018
Sept., 1943..	1,881	36,349	131,056	106,234	9,837	3,046	3,708	244,746	536,857
Dec., 1943..	1,934	38,077	140,441	124,547	9,775	3,351	4,127	235,507	557,759

(a) Includes Treasury Bills.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	General Banking Department.							Note Issue and General Banking Department.	Notes held outside Commonwealth Bank.	
	Business within Australia.									
	Deposits.			Balances Due to other Banks.	Special War-time Deposits lodged by Trading Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short-term Loans.	Government and Municipal Securities. (b)			Sterling Reserve and Short Call Money in London. (c)
	Not Bearing Interest. (a)	Bearing Interest.	Total.							
June, 1939..	£'000. 18,128	£'000. 43,275	£'000. 61,403	£'000. 18,746	£'000. ..	£'000. 18,948	£'000. 44,935	£'000. 32,866	£'000. 44,128	
„ 1940..	30,054	50,169	80,223	28,968	..	37,412	33,086	58,539	51,606	
„ 1941..	28,699	55,150	83,849	29,078	..	24,626	37,976	74,201	63,724	
„ 1942..	29,815	57,132	86,947	33,076	37,286	32,129	100,057	58,590	94,917	
Mar., 1943..	44,024	77,266	121,290	37,399	80,912	28,278	180,333	76,387	122,973	
June, 1943..	50,953	98,684	149,637	25,885	100,844	27,026	213,961	80,913	133,350	
Sept., 1943..	53,865	78,258	132,123	33,051	106,735	24,863	213,733	84,148	141,826	
Dec., 1943..	56,326	77,849	134,175	33,539	125,132	22,662	234,985	89,889	152,864	

(a) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate deducted, to be taken as a measure of Net London Funds.

(b) Includes Treasury Bills.

(c) Not

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
June—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1940 ..	82,111	79,145	28,252	26,563	11,860	8,518	192	350	236,001
1941 ..	87,750	85,689	29,089	27,510	12,521	8,941	357	374	252,231
1942 ..	94,538	94,226	31,214	30,616	13,821	9,472	(b)	388	274,275
1943 ..	122,405	121,249	45,197	38,563	18,884	11,175	(b)	522	357,995
1942—									
Oct. ..	103,583	103,153	35,546	33,191	15,528	10,011	(b)	439	301,451
Nov. ..	104,930	104,725	36,496	33,494	15,823	10,019	(b)	440	305,927
Dec. ..	105,745	105,639	37,441	33,677	16,020	10,061	(b)	429	309,012
1943—									
Oct. ..	136,326	133,141	52,496	42,404	21,378	12,277	(b)	565	398,587
Nov. ..	138,328	134,425	53,976	42,066	21,748	12,362	(b)	563	404,068
Dec. ..	142,109	137,506	55,646	43,564	22,298	12,608	(b)	567	414,298

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

(b) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases), of £40,122,000 was subscribed for War Savings Certificates between March, 1940, and December, 1943.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1940 ..	82,111	11,785	28,252	3,094	11,860	2,297	192	350	139,941
1941 ..	87,750	13,942	29,089	3,509	12,521	2,423	357	374	149,965
1942 ..	94,538	16,910	31,214	4,684	13,821	2,705	(a)	388	164,260
1943 ..	122,405	23,732	45,197	6,311	18,884	3,542	(a)	522	220,593
1942—									
Oct. ..	103,583	19,270	35,546	5,208	15,528	2,974	(a)	439	182,548
Nov. ..	104,930	19,760	36,496	5,342	15,823	2,997	(a)	440	185,788
Dec. ..	105,745	20,057	37,441	5,417	16,020	3,036	(a)	429	188,145
1943—									
Oct. ..	136,326	26,651	52,496	7,351	21,378	3,943	(a)	565	248,710
Nov. ..	138,328	26,548	53,976	7,237	21,748	3,979	(a)	563	252,379
Dec. ..	142,109	27,414	55,646	7,433	22,298	4,091	(a)	567	259,558

(a) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.

Weekly Average.	Sydney.		Melbourne.		Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth.	Ho- bart.
	Total Clear- ings.	Clearings less Treas- ury Bill transac- tions.(a)	Total Clear- ings.	Clearings less Treas- ury Bill transac- tions.(a)				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Year 1940 ..	26,073	20,538	19,380	18,829	4,803	3,426	2,293	701
„ 1941 ..	26,978	21,841	21,621	21,010	4,676	3,753	2,234	699
„ 1942 ..	29,157	23,933	24,555	24,228	5,234	4,226	2,398	774
„ 1943 ..	32,351	27,649	27,109	27,061	6,424	4,760	2,638	860
1943—								
28th Sept. to 25th Oct.	31,529	27,295	26,560	26,534	6,911	4,660	2,808	920
26th Oct. to 29th Nov.	33,730	29,509	28,051	28,030	6,948	5,160	2,669	981
30th Nov. to 31st Dec.	32,290	28,300	27,935	27,913	6,885	4,688	2,760	840

(a) Average weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills. These abnormal transactions have been in operation in Victoria since October, 1929, and in New South Wales, since October, 1930.

Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

A.—Railways.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

Heading.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
Government—	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,141	6,127	6,127	6,127
Victoria ..	4,759	4,759	4,759	4,766	4,758
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,378	4,381	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	658	645	642	642	642
Total ..	27,234	27,251	27,234	27,241	27,223

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth ..	17,032,884	17,191,356	17,332,574	17,433,858	(f)17,433,858
New South Wales ..	147,617,530	149,203,908	149,575,526	150,661,127	151,849,840
Victoria ..	52,448,789	52,037,722	52,229,383	52,718,195	52,637,204
Queensland ..	37,897,129	38,369,254	38,777,931	38,827,199	38,958,357
South Australia ..	29,732,889	30,109,220	30,399,735	30,801,278	31,290,224
Western Australia ..	26,021,781	26,187,632	26,309,388	26,393,048	26,362,545
Tasmania ..	2,140,330	2,155,261	2,248,034	2,348,784	2,497,290
Total(b) ..	317,253,832	319,616,853	321,235,071	323,545,989	325,391,818

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,118	6,127	6,127	6,127
Victoria ..	4,754	4,759	4,759	4,746	4,758
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,549
Western Australia ..	4,376	4,380	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	658	644	642	642	642
Total ..	27,227	27,226	27,234	27,221	27,225

TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN(c)—'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	902	958	1,234	2,322	3,473
New South Wales ..	30,106	29,471	32,285	33,368	34,727
Victoria ..	17,890	17,008	17,767	18,249	18,437
Queensland ..	13,927	14,190	14,603	16,396	19,851
South Australia ..	6,177	5,928	5,892	6,599	6,792
Western Australia ..	6,575	6,134	6,144	6,355	6,340
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,064	2,167	2,176	2,217
Total ..	77,483	75,753	80,092	88,465	98,837

GROSS REVENUE—£'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	547	622	971	2,195	3,746
New South Wales ..	19,946	20,755	24,016	28,487	34,872
Victoria ..	9,284	9,861	11,239	14,520	17,030
Queensland ..	7,798	8,090	8,415	11,654	18,027
South Australia ..	3,119	3,168	3,512	4,944	5,811
Western Australia ..	3,599	3,556	3,572	3,996	4,417
Tasmania ..	487	536	600	686	843
Total ..	44,780	46,588	52,325	66,482	84,746

(a) Capital has been reduced during the past fifteen years by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania £4,700,000).

(b) Includes £4,362,500 for Grafton-South Brisbane line. (c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages. (d) Estimated. (e) Partly estimated. (f) Figures for 1941-42.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
WORKING EXPENSES—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth	642	842	903	1,506	2,071
New South Wales	14,543	14,647	17,162	21,713	27,343
Victoria	8,060	8,058	8,959	11,600	14,040
Queensland	6,193	6,368	6,708	8,488	11,400
South Australia	2,931	2,937	3,062	3,856	4,661
Western Australia	2,911	2,828	2,758	3,026	3,447
Tasmania	678	688	757	854	965
Total	35,958	36,368	40,309	51,043	63,927

NET EARNINGS—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth	-95	-220	68	689	1,675
New South Wales	5,403	6,108	6,854	6,774	7,529
Victoria	1,224	1,803	2,280	2,920	2,990
Queensland	1,605	1,722	1,707	3,166	6,627
South Australia	188	231	450	1,088	1,150
Western Australia	688	728	814	970	970
Tasmania	-191	-152	-157	-168	-122
Total	8,822	10,220	12,016	15,439	20,819

PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(a)					
Commonwealth	% -0.56	% -1.28	% 0.39	% 3.95	% 9.61
New South Wales	% 3.66	% 4.09	% 4.58	% 4.50	% 4.96
Victoria	% 2.33	% 3.47	% 4.37	% 5.54	% 5.68
Queensland	% 4.24	% 4.49	% 4.40	% 8.15	% 17.01
South Australia	% 0.63	% 0.77	% 1.48	% 3.53	% 3.68
Western Australia	% 2.64	% 2.78	% 3.09	% 3.68	% 3.68
Tasmania	% -8.91	% -7.02	% -6.99	% -7.16	% -4.88
Total (b)	% 2.78	% 3.20	% 3.74	% 4.77	% 6.40

Minus sign (-) denotes loss.

(a) See note (a) on previous page. On the basis of the original capital the adjusted percentages for 1942-43 are as follows:—Victoria, 3.82; Queensland, 9.90; South Australia, 3.35; Tasmania, -1.72; Total, 5.44.

(b) Includes Grafton-South Brisbane line (see note (b) on previous page).

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

PARTICULARS FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1942.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,127	4,766	6,497	2,548	4,381	642	27,162
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	200	3,520	1,796	1,112	408	292	56	7,384
cGoods, including live stock and minerals £	592	4,817	1,976	3,347	926	679	116	12,453
cMiscellaneous £	17	(d) 378	290	(e) 95	43	6	6	829
cTotal Revenue £	809	(f) 8,715	4,062	4,459	1,429	1,014	178	20,666
cExpenditure £	471	5,970	2,671	2,210	1,028	788	(g) 206	13,344
cTrain-miles run	839	10,500	4,622	4,953	1,768	(h) 1,544	(i) 564	24,790
Earnings per train-mile	19s. 3d.	16s. 7d.	17s. 7d.	18s. 0d.	16s. 2d.	13s. 2d.	6s. 4d.	16s. 8d.
Expenditure per train-mile	11s. 3d.	11s. 4d.	11s. 7d.	8s. 11d.	11s. 8d.	10s. 3d.	7s. 4d.	10s. 9d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings	% 58.27	% 68.49	% 65.77	% 49.55	% 71.94	% 77.77	% 115.46	% 64.57
cPassenger-journeys, No.	98	50,917	46,390	7,951	7,718	3,802	823	123,699
cCoal and Coke carried, tons	2	(j)	(j)	275	41	71	73	(l)
cOther Minerals carried, tons	6	(j)	(j)	120	159	37	(k)	(l)
cLive Stock carried, tons	11	(m) 200	(m) 185	166	59	33	7	661
cOther Goods carried, „	100	4,860	1,890	1,247	652	415	169	9,333
cTotal Freight carried „	119	5,060	2,075	1,808	911	556	249	10,778

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane line.

(b) Includes Road Motors.

(c) '000 omitted.

(d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.

(e) Included with Coaching.

(f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines.

(g) Excludes depreciation.

(h) Includes Assistant and Light

Miles. (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles.

(j) Included with Other Goods.

(k) Included with Coal and Coke.

(l) Not available.

(m) Estimate.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

PARTICULARS FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1943.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,758	6,497	2,548	4,381	642	27,155
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	234	3,606	1,816	1,350	407	352	(l)	(l)
cGoods, including live stock and minerals £	720	5,016	2,053	3,009	981	705	(l)	(l)
cMiscellaneous £	16	(d)424	304	(e)	111	46	(l)	(l)
cTotal Revenue £	970	(f)9,046	4,173	4,359	1,499	1,103	207	21,357
cExpenditure £	568	6,350	3,022	2,724	1,206	888	(g) 239	15,097
cTrain-miles run ..	931	11,160	4,437	5,228	1,738	(h) 1,540	(i) 566	25,600
Earnings per train-mile	20s. 10d.	16s. 3d.	18s. 10d.	16s. 8d.	17s. 3d.	14s. 4d.	7s. 4d.	16s. 8d.
Expenditure per train-mile	12s. 2d.	11s. 5d.	13s. 7d.	10s. 5d.	13s. 11d.	12s. 10d.	8s. 5d.	11s. 10d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings %	58.55	70.19	72.42	62.49	80.44	89.58	115.52	70.65
cPassenger-journeys, No.	123	60,370	49,068	9,445	7,217	4,346	769	131,338
cCoal and Coke carried, tons	1	(j)	(j)	272	60	70	(l)	(l)
cOther Minerals carried, tons	3	(j)	(j)	86	111	26	(k)	(l)
cLive Stock carried, tons	12	(m) 200	(m) 137	145	58	38	(l)	(l)
cOther Goods carried ..	118	4,963	1,966	1,301	693	466	(l)	(l)
cTotal Freight carried ..	134	5,163	2,103	1,804	922	600	253	10,979

(a) Excludes Grafton—South Brisbane line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
 (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
 (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying
 developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles.
 (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods. (k) Included
 with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated.

B.—Civil Aviation.(a)

Particulars.	Quarter ended September—				
	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
Registered Aircraft owners					
(c) No.	149	137	120	119	(e) 128
Registered Aircraft(c) ..	296	288	202	192	(e) 184
Licensed Pilots—(c)					
Private	1,096	(b) 1,225	502	240	171
Commercial	346	(b) 324	187	181	233
Licensed Ground Engi- neers(c)	525	(b) 651	617	717	924
Aerodromes—(c)					
Government	71	73	79	72	69
Public	213	224	212	207	207
Government Emer- gency Grounds	147	141	116	116	96
Hours flown	29,138	20,270	19,122	13,534	18,141
Approximate mileage Miles '000	3,113	2,439	2,413	1,836	2,326
Passengers carried No.	37,909	30,646	43,869	34,227	44,094
Goods, Weight carried lb. '000	467	422	644	593	552
Mails, Weight carried(d) .. '000	167	89	238	263	682
Accidents—					
Persons killed .. No.	..	..	3	2	..
.. injured .. ..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Includes particulars of the Darwin-Singapore oversea service, but excludes those relating to
 civil aviation in New Guinea. (b) Includes licences issued for New Guinea. (c) At 30th June
 of year shown above each column. (d) Includes gross weight of oversea mail, i.e., includes weight
 of mail bags. (e) At 31st October, 1943.

NOTE:—Figures for flying operations during 1942–43 and after refer to the larger organizations only.

C.—Telephones.

Particulars.	At 30th June, 1940.	At 30th June, 1941.	At 30th June, 1942.	At 30th June, 1943.	At 31st Dec., 1943.
Lines connected .. No.	506,612	525,547	531,075	540,261	547,451
Instruments connected ..	691,088	720,321	738,666	766,846	783,730

D.—Motor Vehicles.

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Com-mercial Ve-hicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registra-tion and Motor Tax. £	Drivers' and Riders' &c., Licences. £	Miscel-laneous. £	Total. £
1942-43.									
New South Wales ..	174,537	73,072	14,164	261,773	414,972	1,989,150	208,767	68,364	2,266,281
Victoria ..	131,417	85,937	16,275	233,629	329,595	1,370,090	82,402	75,248	1,527,740
Queensland ..	64,705	45,703	5,432	115,840	235,411	640,708	55,812	55,694	752,214
South Australia ..	53,933	22,719	5,977	82,629	113,556	497,061	57,869	12,869	567,799
Western Australia ..	29,805	21,429	3,936	55,170	62,250	306,780	20,002	33,417	360,199
Tasmania ..	15,844	5,532	2,454	23,880	25,636	167,031	12,818	21,729	201,578
Northern Territory ..	152	1,064	13	1,229	1,427	1,932	455	..	2,387
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,349	427	70	1,846	2,551	9,882	1,384	95	11,361
Total ..	471,742	255,933	48,321	775,996	1,185,398	4,982,634	439,509	267,416	5,689,559
Total, 1941-42 ..	450,851	250,515	49,467	750,833	1,186,672	5,528,625	444,573	231,704	6,204,902

REGISTRATIONS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1943.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	(a)W.A.	Tas.	(b)N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	178,593	132,390	67,035	56,608	29,915	16,362	152	1,427	482,482
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	75,979	90,681	48,543	23,714	22,163	5,935	1,064	409	268,488
Motor Cycles ..	14,360	17,174	5,793	6,329	4,118	2,491	13	74	50,352
Total ..	268,932	240,245	121,371	86,651	56,196	24,788	1,229	1,910	801,322
Total at 31st Dec., 1942 ..	260,377	226,802	112,474	82,023	54,250	22,827	1,896	1,922	762,571

(a) Includes extra-metropolitan area as at 30th November, 1943.

(b) At 30th June, 1943.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1943.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	(a)S.A.	(b)W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	104	292	18	19	13	20	1	467
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	1,841	1,639	1,323	602	564	248	4	6,221
Motor Cycles ..	40	32	13	5	82	..	..	172
Total ..	1,985	1,963	1,354	626	659	268	5	6,860
Total, Six Months ended Dec., 1942 ..	810	919	468	251	282	75	6	2,811

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

(b) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above particulars of primary producers' vehicles, Victoria, are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

E.—Wireless.

NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land. (b)	S. Aust. (c)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1931 ..	122,470	137,005	24,108	30,238	9,075	8,232	331,128
" " 1932 ..	141,460	139,323	28,958	37,142	12,679	9,540	369,092
" " 1933 ..	178,000	170,995	36,186	50,150	20,536	12,563	468,430
" " 1934 ..	226,831	206,995	52,088	64,174	31,404	16,547	597,989
" " 1935 ..	278,648	236,886	67,369	76,365	41,176	20,088	720,532
" " 1936 ..	315,731	263,414	83,028	87,335	49,987	24,118	823,613
" " 1937 ..	358,292	288,717	101,358	99,033	61,151	29,780	938,331
" " 1938 ..	403,978	315,406	117,496	111,787	71,324	36,013	1,056,004
" " 1939 ..	438,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
" " 1940 ..	458,155	348,158	151,110	124,891	87,764	42,182	1,212,260
" " 1941 ..	494,884	362,790	168,216	131,292	91,368	44,716	1,293,266
" " 1942 ..	500,451	371,502	172,527	137,244	91,945	46,404	1,320,073
" " 1943(d) ..	552,044	390,950	177,846	151,258	97,785	49,910	1,419,793
" " Nov., 1943(d) ..	557,140	400,103	178,678	152,840	98,220	50,076	1,437,057

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Papua.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(d) Includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1938	194	147	111	114	136	78	6	15	801	(a)366
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	819	(a)380
1940	196	147	115	118	140	77	4	15	812	(a)381
1941	193	146	115	117	141	76	4	15	807	(a)374
1942	194	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	(a)377

NUMBER OF BRANCHES.

1938	573	400	314	179	202	58	..	1	1,727	(b)2,162
1939	598	398	312	178	204	69	..	1	1,760	(b)2,199
1940	601	387	309	174	209	71	..	1	1,752	(b)2,183
1941	599	386	309	174	208	71	..	1	1,748	(b)2,181
1942	597	382	308	174	208	71	..	1	1,741	(b)2,156

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1938	346,837	215,021	169,569	62,404	67,932	21,051	806	1,538	885,158	885,158
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,635	915,470	915,470
1940	364,202	232,288	189,732	73,503	68,271	24,556	1,405	1,905	955,862	955,862
1941	425,522	270,343	192,015	95,239	65,015	24,292	1,406	1,798	1,075,680	1,075,680
1942	483,039	302,782	190,578	111,388	64,535	26,893	1,406	1,796	1,182,417	1,182,417

(a) Allowing for Interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and Interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of Interstate unions, but also head State branches of Interstate unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.						Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
								Number.	Percentage. (b)
1939	Year	..	..	..	..	396	476,918	45,967	9.7
1940	"	..	..	..	..	394	491,352	39,116	8.0
1941	"	..	..	..	..	395	536,660	20,013	3.7
1942	"	..	..	..	..	394	613,534	9,768	1.6
1943	"	..	..	..	..	390	678,713	7,545	1.1
1932—June	Quarter(c)	..	..	..	..	396	413,742	124,068	80.0
1940—March	"	..	..	..	..	394	483,806	38,307	7.9
June	"	..	..	..	..	388	475,815	49,775	10.5
September	"	..	..	..	..	397	496,872	36,892	7.4
December	"	..	..	..	..	396	508,914	31,491	6.2
1941—March	"	..	..	..	..	398	514,379	27,289	5.3
June	"	..	..	..	..	395	517,696	18,595	3.6
September	"	..	..	..	..	394	541,883	17,541	3.2
December	"	..	..	..	..	394	572,680	16,628	2.9
1942—March	"	..	..	..	..	394	588,525	10,767	1.8
June	"	..	..	..	..	394	603,066	10,296	1.7
September	"	..	..	..	..	394	617,076	9,603	1.6
December	"	..	..	..	..	394	645,467	8,350	1.3
1943—March	"	..	..	..	..	391	665,334	8,021	1.2
June	"	..	..	..	..	390	680,292	7,423	1.1
September	"	..	..	..	..	390	682,557	7,356	1.1
December	"	..	..	..	..	390	686,667	7,381	1.1

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent 56 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 70. (c) Peak of unemployment.

Unemployment (a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.				N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
				%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1938 Year	..	..	..	9.9	8.6	6.4	8.3	5.7	7.9	8.7
1939	..	..	..	11.0	10.4	5.9	9.3	7.1	8.1	9.7
1940	..	..	..	11.0	5.8	5.5	7.0	5.6	5.2	8.0
1941	..	..	..	4.7	2.5	4.5	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.7
1942	..	..	..	1.8	1.2	2.3	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.6
1943	..	..	..	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.1
1932—June	Quarter (b)	..	..	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1939—March	..	..	..	10.6	10.8	6.1	9.3	7.3	7.6	9.6
June	..	..	..	10.6	10.4	5.7	9.5	6.2	9.4	9.5
September	..	..	..	11.6	11.2	5.8	9.4	8.2	8.3	10.2
December	..	..	..	11.1	9.0	5.8	9.1	6.6	7.1	9.3
1940—March	..	..	..	9.7	6.5	5.8	8.5	6.9	4.8	7.9
June	.. (c)	..	..	15.9	6.6	6.8	8.3	5.6	5.0	10.5
September	..	..	..	9.8	5.9	4.9	6.6	6.0	4.6	7.4
December	..	..	..	8.5	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.0	6.5	6.2
1941—March	..	..	..	7.0	3.2	5.9	3.9	4.3	3.6	5.3
June	..	..	..	4.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	3.1	2.4	3.6
September	..	..	..	4.0	2.2	4.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2
December	..	..	..	3.5	2.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.9
1942—March	..	..	..	2.0	1.4	3.2	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.8
June	..	..	..	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	0.6	1.7
September	..	..	..	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.8	0.9	1.6
December	..	..	..	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.3
1943—March	..	..	..	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.2
June	..	..	..	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
September	..	..	..	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2	1.1
December	..	..	..	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.1

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

(a) See notes to table on page 49. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) Coal-mining employees out of work owing to the industrial dispute were excluded from the tabulation, but persons in other industries indirectly unemployed owing to the dispute were included.

Unemployment (a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1929.	1932.	1942.	1943.			
	March Qtr.	June Qtr.(b)	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Manufacturing—							
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. . . .	6.5	39.6	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.1
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c. . . .	11.2	33.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. . . .	5.5	19.3	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.4
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, &c. . . .	9.8	22.6	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
V. Books, Printing, &c. . . .	2.6	16.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
VI. Other Manufacturing	13.8	43.0	1.4	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.2
VII. Building	10.6	42.1	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. . . .	13.2	34.2	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.3
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services	7.6	29.6	2.3	1.6	1.0	1.5	1.5
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV.(c) Other and Miscellaneous	7.3	22.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0
All Groups	9.3	30.0	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1

(a) See notes to table on page 49.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

(c) For classification see p. 54.

AUSTRALIA.—Employment of Wage and Salary Earners.

Month.	Estimated Total Employment. (a) (Excluding Rural and Household Domestic.)			Pay-roll Tax Returns (b) :—Employees recorded on last pay-roll of month by—							
	Govt. (Common-wealth, State, Local and Allied).	Private Employers.	Total.	All Employers Furnishing Returns.	Employers whose principal activity was—						
					Mining and Quarrying.	Workshop and Factory.	Building and Construction.	Transport.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	

MALES (Thousands).

1933—June	262.2	723.8	986.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1939—July	349.8	956.2	1,306.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1941—July	375.3	1,009.8	1,385.1	1,189.9	46.6	474.4	50.8	164.8	81.1	128.8	..
Nov.	381.3	1,014.9	1,396.2	1,205.8	46.1	482.9	47.6	173.1	81.1	129.5	..
1942—June	418.7	910.9	1,329.6	1,121.5	40.8	458.7	46.9	175.6	64.7	110.4	..
Sept.	417.3	887.8	1,305.1	1,098.8	39.5	457.1	38.0	176.2	61.2	105.5	..
Oct.	417.3	882.5	1,299.8	1,093.9	39.5	456.6	37.3	176.4	60.1	104.8	..
Nov.	416.5	880.6	1,297.1	1,090.2	39.0	456.5	36.8	176.0	59.9	104.1	..
1943—March	414.7	877.6	1,292.3	1,082.2	37.6	458.2	39.3	176.5	58.3	100.9	..
April	412.0	872.1	1,284.1	1,074.6	36.7	456.5	39.1	176.3	57.7	99.4	..
May	410.0	873.9	1,283.9	1,075.3	37.6	456.9	40.1	176.4	57.3	98.8	..
June	409.3	873.4	1,282.7	1,075.5	37.7	457.0	39.8	177.2	57.0	98.1	..
July	407.5	871.0	1,278.5	1,070.5	37.4	456.1	38.8	177.0	56.6	97.0	..
Aug.	407.2	871.9	1,279.1	1,070.7	37.4	456.9	39.1	177.8	56.1	97.3	..
Sept.	406.1	870.2	1,276.3	1,067.7	37.3	455.5	39.2	177.3	55.9	96.7	..
Oct.	405.5	873.4	1,278.9	1,070.8	37.3	456.5	38.6	178.6	55.7	97.3	..
Nov.	403.6	874.9	1,278.5	1,070.7	37.2	456.8	37.6	178.8	56.0	98.1	..

FEMALES (Thousands).

1933—June	46.5	278.2	324.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1939—July	55.2	365.3	420.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1941—July	70.8	444.4	515.2	398.0	0.4	180.1	1.2	7.2	76.6	46.7	..
Nov.	76.3	461.1	537.4	419.2	0.4	188.9	1.3	7.9	81.4	50.0	..
1942—June	100.8	467.2	568.0	425.1	0.5	189.0	1.4	9.7	78.4	54.1	..
Sept.	108.1	465.2	573.3	424.3	0.5	189.8	1.5	10.5	75.9	55.4	..
Oct.	110.8	468.1	578.9	428.4	0.5	191.9	1.5	10.9	76.0	55.4	..
Nov.	112.7	471.5	584.2	431.4	0.5	193.2	1.5	11.4	77.1	55.3	..
1943—March	123.1	476.5	599.6	438.6	0.5	200.1	1.6	12.7	74.1	55.1	..
April	125.2	475.2	600.4	437.7	0.5	198.9	1.6	12.9	73.4	55.2	..
May	126.0	475.4	601.4	437.7	0.5	198.8	1.6	13.3	73.4	54.8	..
June	129.2	476.0	605.2	438.6	0.6	199.3	1.7	13.6	73.4	54.9	..
July	132.0	476.4	608.4	437.8	0.6	199.3	1.7	13.8	72.7	54.6	..
Aug.	133.0	477.8	610.8	438.5	0.5	200.1	1.7	14.0	71.9	54.8	..
Sept.	132.2	479.1	611.3	439.5	0.5	200.5	1.6	14.2	71.8	54.9	..
Oct.	132.7	481.5	614.2	440.4	0.5	200.5	1.7	14.3	71.6	54.9	..
Nov.	133.0	482.8	615.8	441.6	0.5	200.5	1.7	14.5	72.2	54.8	..

PERSONS (Thousands).

1933—June	308.7	1,002.0	1,310.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1939—July	405.0	1,321.5	1,726.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1941—July	446.1	1,454.2	1,900.3	1,587.9	47.0	654.5	52.0	172.0	157.7	175.5	..
Nov.	457.6	1,476.0	1,933.6	1,625.0	46.5	671.8	48.9	181.0	162.5	179.5	..
1942—June	519.5	1,378.1	1,897.6	1,546.6	41.3	647.7	48.3	185.3	143.1	164.5	..
Sept.	525.4	1,353.0	1,878.4	1,523.1	40.0	646.9	39.5	186.7	137.1	160.9	..
Oct.	528.1	1,350.6	1,878.7	1,522.3	40.0	648.5	38.8	187.3	136.1	160.2	..
Nov.	529.2	1,352.1	1,881.3	1,521.6	39.5	649.7	38.3	187.4	137.0	159.4	..
1943—March	537.8	1,354.1	1,891.9	1,520.8	38.1	658.3	40.9	189.2	132.4	156.0	..
April	537.2	1,347.3	1,884.5	1,512.3	37.2	655.4	40.7	189.2	131.1	154.6	..
May	536.0	1,349.3	1,885.3	1,513.0	38.1	655.7	41.7	189.7	130.7	153.6	..
June	538.5	1,349.4	1,887.9	1,514.1	38.3	656.3	41.5	190.8	130.4	153.0	..
July	539.5	1,347.4	1,886.9	1,508.3	38.0	655.4	40.5	190.8	129.3	151.6	..
Aug.	540.2	1,349.7	1,889.9	1,509.2	37.9	657.0	40.8	191.8	128.0	152.1	..
Sept.	538.3	1,349.3	1,887.6	1,507.2	37.8	656.0	40.8	191.5	127.7	151.6	..
Oct.	538.2	1,354.9	1,893.1	1,511.2	37.8	657.0	40.3	192.9	127.3	152.2	..
Nov.	536.6	1,357.7	1,894.3	1,512.3	37.7	657.3	39.3	193.3	128.2	152.9	..

(a) Estimated number of wage and salary earners in employment defined as "persons occupied as wage and salary earners" as distinct from "equivalent of full-time employment". Employees absent in the defence forces, at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. (b) The numbers here shown are the total employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of employers who are taxable. Employees of State, semi-Government, and Local Government authorities are included under "All Employers Furnishing Returns", and in the appropriate industry column when separate returns are supplied, e.g., Railway Commissioners in four of the States. These industry totals are useful only as indicating trend.

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands excluding Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Governmental (Munitions, Aircraft and Ships). (a)	Other Factories (including War Contractors).	Total Factories.	Index 1928-29=100.	
										Unadjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
1928-29 ..	174.1	149.3	43.4	35.4	19.8	10.0	7.1	424.9	432.0	100	100
1935-36 ..	186.0	175.3	43.1	37.2	19.9	11.0	6.1	466.4	472.5	109	103
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	6.6	492.6	499.2	116	108
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	7.4	528.5	535.9	124	115
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	10.1	532.1	542.2	126	116
1939-40 ..	227.1	204.4	53.0	43.5	21.9	14.0	16.9	547.0	563.9	131	119
1940-41 ..	257.0	229.7	54.8	49.5	21.8	15.1	41.5	586.4	627.9	145	131
1941-42 ..	289.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	79.8	623.0	702.8	163	146
1942-43(b) ..	302.7	251.8	60.7	69.0	24.9	17.6	121.8	604.9	726.7	168	149
1942(b)—September ..	297.3	249.4	61.5	68.9	23.9	16.8	113.1	604.7	717.8	166	147
December ..	301.4	252.1	57.7	68.3	24.8	17.3	121.0	600.6	721.6	167	148
1943(b)—March ..	307.6	256.1	60.6	70.1	25.8	18.3	130.2	608.3	738.5	171	150
June ..	310.1	250.3	62.2	68.5	26.4	18.4	130.3	605.6	735.9	170	149
September ..	310.8	248.1	61.5	66.5	26.6	18.3	125.2	606.6	731.8	169	148
October ..	311.0	248.7	61.1	65.9	27.0	18.6	123.6	608.7	732.3	170	149
November ..	310.8	248.2	60.4	64.5	26.4	19.3	119.9	609.7	729.6	169	148

(a) Includes Government establishments, annexes, and certain private firms engaged in aircraft and ship-building, but excludes most private factories engaged on war contracts. (b) From July, 1942, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.

PAY-ROLL TAX.—Employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).	
							Index.	Number.

MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941	31,868	23,782	10,701	7,278	4,746	2,529	..	80,904
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	80,904
1942—June ..	802	778	842	818	752	812	799	64,643
1943—June ..	700	700	701	729	694	756	704	56,968
September ..	688	688	679	711	672	762	690	55,850
October ..	685	684	684	711	664	760	688	55,656
November ..	683	697	678	719	675	766	692	55,983

FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941	31,840	22,088	8,533	7,184	4,832	2,067	..	76,544
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	76,544
1942—June ..	1,026	1,014	1,005	1,036	1,060	1,042	1,024	78,344
1943—June ..	951	937	1,019	959	974	988	958	73,310
September ..	921	928	1,004	948	938	976	937	71,739
October ..	923	919	995	952	936	984	935	71,569
November ..	930	922	1,012	964	952	980	943	72,149

PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941	63,708	45,870	19,234	14,462	9,578	4,596	..	157,448
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	157,448
1942—June ..	914	891	914	927	907	915	908	142,987
1943—June ..	826	814	842	843	835	860	827	130,278
September ..	804	804	823	829	806	858	810	127,589
October ..	804	797	822	830	801	861	808	127,225
November ..	806	806	826	841	814	862	814	128,132

Industrial Disputes.—Number and Magnitude of Industrial Disputes (causing stoppage of work).

Period	Number.	Establishments Involved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Estimated Loss in Wages. £
			Directly.	Indirectly.	Total.	New Disputes.	Old Disputes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.									
Year—1942 ..	552	573	148,203	2,892	151,095	304,124	16,011	320,135	401,613
1942—Sept. Qtr.	119	119	34,171	394	34,565	68,315	10,241	78,556	105,485
Dec. "	151	153	39,653	548	40,201	76,932	700	77,632	102,214
1943—March "	192	1,677	82,626	473	83,099	231,186	6,576	237,762	300,377
June "	192	463	85,168	770	85,938	171,107	55,260	226,367	255,183
Sept. "	171	481	49,261	1,239	50,500	162,184	14,400	176,584	207,373
VICTORIA.									
Year—1942 ..	20	26	11,979	140	12,119	34,384	1,274	35,658	31,009
1942—Sept. Qtr.	4	4	540	140	680	4,940	..	4,940	4,943
Dec. "	7	11	9,352	..	9,352	12,725	1,274	13,999	13,625
1943—March "	11	814	10,841	29	10,870	12,547	5,376	17,923	17,893
June "	11	230	4,638	..	4,638	28,761	..	28,761	25,678
Sept. "	10	12	2,480	150	2,630	13,421	9,408	22,829	15,765
QUEENSLAND.									
Year—1942 ..	6	6	370	52	422	2,702	..	2,702	2,145
1942—Sept. Qtr.	3	3	208	52	260	1,620	..	1,620	1,322
Dec. "	1	1	29	..	29	87	..	87	108
1943—March "	7	9	2,360	2	2,362	14,916	..	14,916	17,092
June "	3	84	1,558	300	1,858	19,098	..	19,098	18,203
Sept. "	2	2	2,113	..	2,113	5,243	580	5,823	6,682
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1942 ..	13	52	3,617	..	3,617	10,494	..	10,494	11,056
1942—Sept. Qtr.	2	2	847	..	847	598	..	598	601
Dec. "	5	5	1,085	..	1,085	4,175	..	4,175	4,595
1943—March "	5	419	846	..	846	4,070	..	4,070	2,739
June "	4	5	2,238	..	2,238	3,031	..	3,031	2,785
Sept. "	4	4	613	66	679	2,229	..	2,229	1,271
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1942 ..	8	85	1,797	12	1,809	8,855	..	8,855	9,872
1942—Sept. Qtr.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dec. "	5	82	806	..	806	3,414	..	3,414	3,980
1943—March "	2	74	249	..	249	747	..	747	879
June "	1	1	652	..	652	7,172	1,190	8,362	9,325
Sept. "	1	1	130	..	130	130	..	130	183
TASMANIA.									
Year—1942 ..	2	2	51	..	51	51	..	51	45
1942—Sept. Qtr.	1	1	17	..	17	17	..	17	16
Dec. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1943—March "	1	1	33	142	175	175	..	175	161
June "	1	1	13	..	13	26	..	26	15
Sept. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1942 (a) ..	602	745	166,167	3,096	169,263	360,910	17,285	378,195	456,090
1942—Sept. Qtr.	129	129	35,783	586	36,369	75,490	10,241	85,731	112,367
Dec. "	169	252	50,925	548	51,473	97,333	1,974	99,307	124,522
1943—March "	218	2,994	96,955	646	97,601	263,641	11,952	275,593	339,141
June "	212	784	94,267	1,070	95,337	229,195	56,450	285,645	311,189
Sept. "	188	500	54,597	1,455	56,052	183,207	24,388	207,595	231,274

(a) Includes one dispute in the Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 150; working days lost, 300; estimated loss in wages, £350.

**Wages.—Adult Males—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and
Weekly Hours of Labour, 30th September, 1934.**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	126/10	121/6	117/7	116/1	119/1	115/0	121/6
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/10½	2/9½	2/8	2/7½	2/8½	2/7½	2/9½
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	123/5	121/4	120/7	116/9	126/1	121/9	121/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.11	44.00	44.00	44.01
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/9	2/9	2/7½	2/10½	2/9½	2/9½
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	121/2	118/4	113/2	116/10	118/8	111/2	118/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.04	43.44	44.00	44.13	44.00	43.91
	Hourly Wage	2/9	2/8½	2/7½	2/7½	2/8½	2/9½	2/8½
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	118/0	118/11	123/8	123/8	120/7	115/5	119/4
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8½	2/8½	2/9½	2/9½	2/9	2/7½	2/8½
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	135/5	137/2	125/1	128/1	145/6	128/6	134/6
	Working Hours	43.49	42.16	42.28	43.56	42.76	43.35	42.86
	Hourly Wage	3/1½	3/3	2/11½	2/11½	3/4½	2/11½	3/1½
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	121/4	119/0	114/4	115/9	119/4	116/7	119/2
	Working Hours	43.89	43.90	43.78	43.79	44.08	43.91	43.88
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/8½	2/7½	2/7½	2/8½	2/7½	2/8½
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	132/11	133/4	120/2	119/5	127/1	122/8	129/7
	Working Hours	43.65	44.00	40.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.42
	Hourly Wage	3/0½	3/0½	3/0	2/8½	2/10½	2/9½	2/11½
VIII. Mining (c)	Weekly Wage	129/5	122/1	129/0	94/0	135/11	116/3	127/2
	Working Hours	40.61	40.67	40.93	43.79	40.50	41.33	40.80
	Hourly Wage	3/2½	3/0	3/1½	2/1½	3/4½	2/9½	3/1½
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	125/2	124/4	118/5	115/11	120/0	113/9	122/5
	Working Hours	43.80	43.85	44.00	44.00	43.75	44.00	43.86
	Hourly Wage	2/10½	2/10	2/8½	2/7½	2/9	2/7	2/9½
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	115/6	112/4	108/3	107/4	117/6	106/8	112/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/7½	2/6½	2/5½	2/5½	2/8	2/5	2/6½
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage d	124/5	125/1	121/8	123/0	123/8	123/4	123/11
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage e	120/3	119/6	108/9	117/9	119/4	111/2	117/2
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage e	112/0	113/5	105/8	102/8	108/3	103/0	110/3
	Working Hours	44.00	44.33	44.00	44.00	44.80	44.00	44.17
	Hourly Wage e	2/6½	2/6½	2/4½	2/4	2/5	2/4	2/6
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	117/7	116/6	108/5	108/0	115/2	110/2	114/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.67	44.00	44.95	44.00	43.72	44.26
	Hourly Wage	2/8	2/7½	2/5½	2/5	2/7½	2/6½	2/7
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	122/1	120/4	114/1	114/0	122/4	113/6	119/5
All Groups except XI. and XII.(a)	Weekly Wage	122/6	120/4	115/8	112/4	122/11	114/0	119/10
	Working Hours	43.52	43.94	43.18	44.21	43.11	43.37	43.62
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/8½	2/8½	2/6½	2/10½	2/7½	2/9

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.

(d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers, and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied.

(e) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

**Wages.—Adult Females—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and
Weekly Hours of Labour, 30th September, 1943.**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	60/11	64/6	56/11	55/9	54/7	64/9	61/11
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/4½	1/5½	1/3½	1/3½	1/3	1/5½	1/5
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	65/8	65/11	67/1	67/1	64/2	66/3	66/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/6	1/6	1/6½	1/6½	1/5½	1/6	1/6
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	65/2	71/3	60/2	60/8	..	59/0	67/4
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	..	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/5½	1/7½	1/4½	1/4½	..	1/4	1/6½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage <i>b</i>	63/2	69/10	68/7	53/0	69/3	57/2	65/6
	Working Hours	43.38	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.78
	Hourly Wage <i>b</i>	1/5½	1/7	1/6½	1/2½	1/7	1/3½	1/6
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c.	Weekly Wage	74/4	80/3	78/5	55/8	..	..	75/1
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36
	Hourly Wage	1/8½	1/9½	1/9½	1/3½	..	..	1/8½
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	67/0	69/7	69/5	60/10	66/6	63/3	67/8
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/6½	1/7	1/7	1/4½	1/6½	1/5½	1/6½

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied.

**Wages.—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work,
and Wage Index-numbers, 1914 to 30th September, 1943.**

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7	
" " 1938	95 0	91 2	95 10	87 1	99 1	88 5	93 5	
" " 1939	96 7	94 0	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3	
" " 1940	99 7	97 0	97 9	92 11	104 0	92 7	98 1	
" " 1941	105 4	104 5	101 9	100 3	110 2	99 3	104 3	
" " 1942	118 3	116 7	110 2	112 3	117 7	108 2	115 8	
31st March, 1943	119 9	118 8	110 3	112 9	118 5	109 8	117 0	
30th June, 1943	120 2	119 0	111 3	113 0	118 8	110 1	117 5	
30th September, 1943	122 1	120 4	114 1	114 0	122 4	113 6	119 5	

ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (a) IN 1911 = 1,000.)

	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085	
31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085	
" " 1938	1,854	1,780	1,870	1,700	1,933	1,725	1,823	
" " 1939	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858	
" " 1940	1,942	1,892	1,908	1,812	2,029	1,807	1,913	
" " 1941	2,056	2,037	1,985	1,957	2,149	1,937	2,034	
" " 1942	2,308	2,275	2,150	2,189	2,294	2,111	2,257	
31st March, 1943	2,336	2,315	2,151	2,201	2,311	2,140	2,283	
30th June, 1943	2,344	2,322	2,171	2,204	2,316	2,149	2,292	
30th September, 1943	2,383	2,348	2,225	2,225	2,387	2,214	2,331	

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5	
" " 1938	51 10	50 7	53 6	47 9	54 4	49 8	51 4	
" " 1939	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8	
" " 1940	54 9	53 5	56 0	52 1	57 6	53 1	54 3	
" " 1941	57 11	58 4	59 6	55 5	60 4	56 7	58 2	
" " 1942	63 10	64 11	66 4	60 3	64 2	61 3	64 4	
31st March, 1943	65 4	65 3	66 5	60 3	64 9	61 8	64 11	
30th June, 1943	66 1	66 9	67 10	60 8	65 3	63 0	66 1	
30th September, 1943	67 0	69 7	69 5	60 10	66 6	63 3	67 8	

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (a) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)

	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006	
31st December, 1914	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006	
" " 1938	1,907	1,862	1,969	1,758	2,000	1,828	1,887	
" " 1939	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,933	
" " 1940	2,016	1,966	2,060	1,916	2,116	1,954	1,996	
" " 1941	2,133	2,148	2,191	2,038	2,220	2,082	2,141	
" " 1942	2,350	2,391	2,442	2,216	2,361	2,255	2,368	
31st March, 1943	2,404	2,453	2,444	2,218	2,383	2,269	2,391	
30th June, 1943	2,432	2,458	2,498	2,234	2,400	2,320	2,431	
30th September, 1943	2,464	2,500	2,554	2,238	2,446	2,326	2,491	

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates by State Industrial Tribunals.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
New South Wales ..	(a) 4 19 0	(a) 2 13 6	1.11.43	(b)
Victoria(c) ..	(4.17.0)	(2.12.6)	(1.2.44)	(c)
Queensland ..	(d) 4 17 0	2 14 6	2.8.43	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	4 14 0	2 6 2	15.10.42	" " " " "
Western Australia(c)	5 1 1	2 14 7	1.8.43	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania(c) ..	(4.14.0)	(2.11.0)	(1.2.44)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong; Broken Hill—Males, £5 1s. 0d.; Females, £2 14s. 6d.; Elsewhere—Males, £4 16s. 0d.; Females, £2 12s. 0d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions:—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western, 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 1.8.43 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State exclusive of the S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 7s. 10d.; Females, £2 18s. 3d.; and for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 0s. 3d.; Females, £2 14s. 2d.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates fixed by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for each Capital City.(a)

Capital.	1st February, 1943.	1st May, 1943.	1st August, 1943.	1st November, 1943.	1st February, 1944.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney ..	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	99 0
Melbourne ..	98 0	98 0	99 0	98 0	97 0
Brisbane ..	91 0	92 0	94 0	93 0	93 0
Adelaide ..	93 0	93 0	94 0	94 0	93 0
Perth ..	92 0	92 0	94 0	94 0	93 0
Hobart ..	94 0	94 0	95 0	95 0	94 0
Six Capitals ..	96 0	96 0	98 0	97 0	96 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent. of male rate.

(a) "Court" Series Index-numbers—Commonwealth Court's Judgment of 23rd June, 1937. Includes "prosperity loadings" granted by Judgment. No defined family unit.

Awards of Industrial Courts and Wages Board Determinations Made and Industrial Agreements Filed.

State.	1938.		1939.		1940.		1941.		1942.	
	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.
New South Wales ..	64	38	64	17	70	22	65	49	72	23
Victoria ..	99	..	173	..	170	..	262	..	202	..
Queensland ..	38	38	50	25	34	45	45	14	15	37
South Australia ..	6	4	18	7	53	7	167	8	160	12
Western Australia ..	28	31	20	25	31	21	22	19	18	20
Tasmania ..	26	..	18	..	18	..	28	..	22	..
Commonwealth Court ..	31	13	31	21	25	13	7	3	52	20
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator ..	3	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	4	..
Total ..	295	124	375	95	402	108	601	93	545	112

Section VII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index published on page 60.

Retail Price Index-Numbers.(a)—Capital Cities.

("B" Series.)

(Base in each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1911.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1942.	1943.				
							Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	

GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney	553	936	952	962	1,040	1,042	1,060	1,050	1,065	1,039	1,015
Melbourne	523	942	947	943	1,042	1,055	1,069	1,055	1,073	1,056	1,037
Brisbane	569	864	889	911	972	975	977	983	998	968	950
Adelaide	570	897	900	905	1,012	1,003	1,027	1,000	1,022	1,003	985
Perth	753	938	949	981	1,029	1,059	1,048	1,050	1,080	1,062	1,045
Hobart	592	923	944	970	1,047	1,062	1,082	1,051	1,065	1,075	1,058
Weighted Average ..	559	927	939	947	1,031	1,037	1,051	1,040	1,058	1,036	1,015

GROUP IV.—HOUSING (b)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.

Sydney	701	1,035	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042
Melbourne	569	955	969	975	975	974	974	974	974	974	974
Brisbane	373	854	857	860	862	862	862	862	862	862	862
Adelaide	706	888	892	893	893	893	893	893	893	892	893
Perth	524	881	882	883	885	885	885	885	885	885	885
Hobart	452	925	933	933	933	931	932	932	931	931	931
Weighted Average ..	612	965	973	976	976	975	976	975	975	975	975

ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).

Sydney	606	972	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,051	1,045	1,054	1,038	1,023
Melbourne	539	945	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,030	1,021	1,032	1,022	1,010
Brisbane	500	858	875	889	927	929	930	934	942	925	914
Adelaide	618	891	895	899	963	958	973	956	969	958	947
Perth	672	914	921	941	971	989	982	983	1,001	991	980
Hobart	542	922	938	953	1,000	1,009	1,021	1,003	1,010	1,016	1,006
Weighted Average ..	578	939	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,019	1,012	1,023	1,010	997

(a) As the price index-number increases, the purchasing power of money diminishes. (b) See note (a) on page 60.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, and Housing (4 and 5 rooms).

("B" Series.)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1911.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1942.		1943.				
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.		
NEW SOUTH WALES—													
Sydney	606	972	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,051	1,045	1,054	1,038	1,023		
Newcastle	934	950	959	1,005	1,000	1,013	1,003	1,011	999	985		
Broken Hill	970	953	991	1,052	1,044	1,062	1,038	1,050	1,041	1,045		
Goulburn	942	950	957	1,009	1,007	1,021	1,007	1,021	1,004	999		
Bathurst	900	908	910	957	953	965	954	967	952	940		
Weighted Average(a)	..	969	980	988	1,036	1,036	1,047	1,040	1,050	1,034	1,020		
VICTORIA—													
Melbourne	539	945	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,030	1,021	1,032	1,022	1,010		
Ballarat	849	843	841	894	908	909	903	919	911	899		
Bendigo	851	864	868	920	923	929	921	933	922	916		
Geelong	917	915	912	956	962	968	959	975	964	950		
Warrnambool	940	944	941	984	993	1,000	996	1,006	992	979		
Weighted Average(a)	..	938	946	946	1,005	1,012	1,021	1,012	1,023	1,013	1,001		
QUEENSLAND—													
Brisbane	500	858	875	889	927	929	930	934	942	925	914		
Toowoomba	830	849	857	913	927	910	923	936	916	934		
Rockhampton	843	854	863	901	904	900	901	918	898	900		
Townsville	920	925	933	974	970	978	974	979	964	962		
Bundaberg	804	817	835	878	888	880	889	902	883	878		
Weighted Average(a)	..	858	873	886	926	928	928	932	941	924	916		
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—													
Adelaide	618	891	895	899	963	958	973	956	969	958	947		
Kadina, &c.	743	739	738	789	784	803	782	794	782	776		
Port Pirie	882	877	889	943	932	955	934	946	931	918		
Mount Gambier	838	828	832	879	877	898	876	882	878	870		
Peterborough	890	895	893	936	926	948	928	938	924	912		
Weighted Average(a)	..	885	888	892	955	950	965	948	961	950	939		
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—													
Perth, &c.	672	914	921	941	971	989	982	983	1,001	991	980		
Kalgoorlie, &c.	1,178	1,184	1,211	1,160	1,122	1,138	1,121	1,133	1,121	1,111		
Northam	936	946	980	1,005	1,001	1,011	1,001	1,013	1,000	991		
Bunbury	979	979	996	1,011	1,010	1,014	1,012	1,023	1,008	995		
Geraldton	990	995	1,024	1,048	1,069	1,052	1,044	1,073	1,084	1,074		
Weighted Average(a)	..	936	943	964	988	1,001	996	995	1,013	1,003	992		
TASMANIA—													
Hobart	542	922	938	953	1,000	1,009	1,021	1,003	1,010	1,016	1,006		
Launceston	887	901	913	948	953	962	948	955	961	948		
Burnie	898	914	937	973	998	993	986	1,008	1,002	994		
Devonport	865	882	898	928	942	943	935	943	949	942		
Queenstown	933	942	947	970	1,005	987	997	1,008	1,011	1,002		
Weighted Average(a)	..	908	923	937	978	988	997	982	990	995	984		
Weighted Average for 30 towns	935	945	952	1,001	1,005	1,013	1,006	1,017	1,004	992		
Weighted Average 6 Capital Cities ..	578	939	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,019	1,012	1,023	1,010	997		
Warwick (Q.) (c)	783	799	817	856	872	857	864	882	870	871		
Port Augusta (c)	864	878	896	932	914	934	917	925	913	902		
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) (c)	1,026	1,028	1,028	1,078	1,073	1,095	1,078	1,086	1,069	1,058		

(a) Weighted Average for the five towns.

(b) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090.

(c) Not included in weighted averages above.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

State and Town.	1914.	1942.				1943.			Per- cent- age in- crease from July, 1914, to Dec., 1943.
	July.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
NEW SOUTH WALES—									
Sydney	645	1,064	1,063	1,053	1,021	1,013	1,010	56.6	
Newcastle	642	1,093	1,092	1,078	1,045	1,041	1,041	62.1	
Broken Hill	821	1,275	1,271	1,247	1,235	1,236	1,239	50.9	
Goulburn	661	1,118	1,115	1,110	1,070	1,068	1,073	62.3	
Bathurst	613	1,047	1,049	1,044	1,006	1,003	1,005	63.9	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	652	1,071	1,070	1,059	1,028	1,020	1,017	56.0	
VICTORIA—									
Melbourne	619	1,071	1,070	1,067	1,042	1,035	1,033	66.9	
Ballarat	617	1,045	1,041	1,038	1,028	1,025	1,017	64.8	
Bendigo	619	1,060	1,055	1,044	1,038	1,033	1,024	65.4	
Geelong	609	1,024	1,023	1,016	1,000	992	990	62.6	
Warrnambool	608	1,042	1,048	1,050	1,020	1,006	1,008	65.8	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	618	1,068	1,067	1,063	1,040	1,033	1,030	66.7	
QUEENSLAND—									
Brisbane	591	968	974	987	952	948	951	60.9	
Toowoomba	582	951	943	945	986	985	986	69.4	
Rockhampton	646	988	990	992	987	988	989	53.1	
Townsville .. .. .	..	1,051	1,051	1,063	1,023	1,025	1,034	..
Bundaberg .. .. .	..	1,016	1,018	1,032	1,020	1,013	1,012	..
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	605	975	980	991	964	960	964	59.3	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—									
Adelaide	699	1,039	1,029	1,014	986	984	984	40.8	
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	688	1,081	1,077	1,068	1,028	1,032	1,031	49.9	
Port Pirie	722	1,118	1,177	1,108	1,054	1,053	1,052	45.7	
Mount Gambier	595	1,019	1,020	1,016	976	972	973	63.5	
Peterborough	749	1,079	1,079	1,072	1,016	1,015	1,017	35.8	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	697	1,043	1,034	1,020	989	988	988	41.8	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—									
Perth and Fremantle	749	1,046	1,048	1,050	1,045	1,044	1,046	39.7	
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	931	1,192	1,189	1,188	1,161	1,164	1,163	24.9	
Northam .. .. .	..	1,096	1,084	1,080	1,054	1,053	1,054	..
Bunbury	793	1,041	1,044	1,047	1,014	1,014	1,017	28.2	
Geraldton	808	1,073	1,042	1,041	1,088	1,088	1,089	34.8	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	790	1,058	1,059	1,060	1,054	1,053	1,055	33.5	
TASMANIA—									
Hobart	678	1,087	1,079	1,081	1,072	1,069	1,034	52.5	
Launceston	640	1,035	1,036	1,026	1,026	1,010	990	54.7	
Burnie .. .. .	..	1,090	1,086	1,086	1,095	1,094	1,081	..
Devonport .. .. .	..	1,054	1,058	1,064	1,072	1,069	1,030	..
Queenstown	735	1,106	1,104	1,112	1,143	1,141	1,115	51.7	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	672	1,070	1,065	1,064	1,061	1,054	1,024	52.4	
Weighted Average for 30 Towns ..	651	1,056	1,055	1,049	1,023	1,018	1,015	55.9	
Weighted Average, 6 Capital Cities ..	645	1,054	1,053	1,047	1,020	1,014	1,012	56.9	
(a) Lithgow (N) .. .. .	..	1,087	1,080	1,069	1,047	1,044	1,042	..
(a) Yallourn (V.) .. .. .	..	1,065	1,056	1,054	1,018	1,018	1,019	..
(a) Warwick (Q.)	605	968	955	943	964	966	963	59.2	
(a) Port Augusta (S.A.) .. .. .	..	1,099	1,095	1,093	1,041	1,044	1,040	..
(a) Rosebery (T.) .. .. .	..	1,177	1,173	1,179	1,166	1,160	1,143	..
(a) Canberra (A.C.T.) .. .. .	..	1,189	1,162	1,159	1,109	1,109	1,107	..

(a) Not included in weighted averages above.

THE "ALL ITEMS" INDEX.

("C" Series.)

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms) (a), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1942.	1943.				
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—												
Sydney ..	913	936	974	1,023	1,107	1,151	1,138	1,141	1,165	1,154	1,143	
Newcastle ..	877	901	945	997	1,069	1,109	1,098	1,101	1,126	1,112	1,098	
Broken Hill ..	940	955	981	1,049	1,132	1,172	1,159	1,148	1,185	1,179	1,175	
Goulburn ..	893	916	949	1,005	1,087	1,125	1,118	1,116	1,140	1,126	1,116	
Bathurst ..	860	883	923	974	1,050	1,091	1,080	1,080	1,107	1,096	1,082	
Weighted Average(b)	911	933	972	1,026	1,104	1,147	1,135	1,137	1,162	1,151	1,139	
VICTORIA—												
Melbourne ..	896	924	964	1,008	1,100	1,139	1,136	1,136	1,153	1,139	1,128	
Ballarat ..	850	874	906	950	1,037	1,084	1,070	1,074	1,099	1,087	1,075	
Bendigo ..	854	875	920	963	1,054	1,096	1,082	1,088	1,104	1,097	1,094	
Geelong ..	884	911	941	984	1,065	1,110	1,098	1,099	1,125	1,117	1,100	
Warrnambool ..	892	918	964	998	1,078	1,126	1,116	1,121	1,141	1,128	1,115	
Weighted Average(b)	893	920	960	1,004	1,095	1,135	1,130	1,131	1,149	1,136	1,125	
QUEENSLAND—												
Brisbane ..	852	870	908	963	1,033	1,072	1,055	1,063	1,083	1,074	1,068	
Toowoomba ..	843	858	898	951	1,033	1,080	1,056	1,068	1,089	1,078	1,083	
Rockhampton ..	853	867	905	959	1,032	1,073	1,052	1,059	1,086	1,074	1,073	
Townsville ..	902	918	950	1,004	1,075	1,114	1,098	1,103	1,124	1,114	1,113	
Bundaberg ..	831	847	879	938	1,015	1,057	1,038	1,047	1,068	1,058	1,053	
Weighted Average(b)	854	871	909	964	1,035	1,075	1,057	1,066	1,086	1,076	1,072	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—												
Adelaide ..	888	906	936	988	1,075	1,102	1,100	1,093	1,111	1,106	1,099	
Kadina, &c. ..	786	810	833	882	962	998	988	983	1,008	1,004	998	
Port Pirie ..	868	896	919	976	1,057	1,087	1,086	1,079	1,097	1,091	1,081	
Mount Gambier ..	849	872	894	946	1,024	1,061	1,063	1,051	1,069	1,067	1,056	
Peterborough ..	868	897	924	974	1,053	1,087	1,082	1,078	1,097	1,090	1,083	
Weighted Average(b)	883	902	931	983	1,069	1,097	1,095	1,088	1,106	1,101	1,094	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—												
Perth, &c. ..	882	901	932	993	1,061	1,104	1,090	1,092	1,115	1,110	1,100	
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,066	1,099	1,165	1,175	1,192	1,182	1,178	1,202	1,197	1,189	
Northam ..	900	915	947	1,017	1,079	1,111	1,103	1,098	1,122	1,117	1,107	
Bunbury ..	914	936	962	1,018	1,065	1,102	1,088	1,091	1,112	1,109	1,097	
Geraldton ..	957	965	990	1,055	1,114	1,165	1,138	1,138	1,171	1,179	1,171	
Weighted Average(b)	897	915	946	1,008	1,070	1,112	1,097	1,099	1,123	1,118	1,108	
TASMANIA—												
Hobart ..	887	908	945	1,001	1,078	1,117	1,113	1,108	1,118	1,125	1,117	
Launceston ..	872	888	926	974	1,040	1,078	1,072	1,069	1,081	1,086	1,076	
Burnie ..	865	879	917	971	1,035	1,088	1,068	1,073	1,095	1,094	1,089	
Devonport ..	848	861	896	951	1,012	1,058	1,044	1,048	1,060	1,069	1,056	
Queenstown ..	875	903	936	987	1,045	1,096	1,077	1,086	1,098	1,103	1,098	
Weighted Average(b)	879	898	936	989	1,060	1,101	1,094	1,091	1,103	1,108	1,100	
Weighted Average for 30 Towns ..	894	917	954	1,006	1,087	1,127	1,117	1,119	1,140	1,130	1,120	
Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities ..	897	920	957	1,008	1,091	1,131	1,122	1,123	1,143	1,133	1,123	
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	800	834	867	926	1,007	1,055	1,029	1,040	1,064	1,059	1,057	
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	863	883	915	980	1,052	1,076	1,079	1,073	1,085	1,077	1,070	
Ganberra (c) ..	..	956	988	1,040	1,121	1,168	1,158	1,158	1,184	1,170	1,159	

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1936, quarter in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns.

(b) Five Towns.

(c) Not included in weighted averages above.

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1943 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1943.**

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.84	5.84	5.84	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.10	5.00	4.86	4.86	4.86	5.29	5.29	5.14	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	8.20	8.20	8.15	8.64	8.64	8.50	9.07	9.07	9.07	9.00	9.00	8.60	9.40	9.30	9.20
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.43	27.43	27.43	27.93	27.93	27.93	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.88	4.90	4.90	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian)(a) ..	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago(a) ..	"	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.13	7.13	7.13	8.80	8.80	8.80	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.25	7.25	7.25
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	12.60	12.60	13.30	13.43	13.43	14.43	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.60	13.60	15.50	13.70	13.70	14.70
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.00	7.00	6.95	8.07	8.07	8.07	10.14	10.14	10.14	8.20	8.20	8.00	7.90	7.90	7.70
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.50	3.50	3.53	3.75	3.75	3.88	4.39	4.39	4.39	3.85	3.85	3.95	4.25	4.25	4.25
Raisins, seeded(a) ..	"	12.33	12.33	12.33	12.83	12.83	12.83	12.43	12.43	12.57	12.88	12.60	13.67	12.80	12.80	13.10
Currants ..	"	10.70	10.70	10.70	10.90	11.00	11.00	11.29	11.29	11.29	10.75	10.70	11.25	9.80	9.80	10.50
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Peaches, canned(a) ..	30 oz.	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.60	13.60	13.25	16.00	16.00	16.17	13.67	14.50	14.00	13.90	13.90	13.90
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	13.75	13.75	13.75	14.50	14.50	14.25	15.40	16.30	16.33	14.75	14.75	14.75	14.63	14.63	14.63
Salmon, in tins(a) ..	lb.	22.33	22.33	22.33	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.83	20.83	20.83	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	10.50	9.98	8.75	9.07	9.10	9.07	12.79	12.71	13.42	8.38	8.35	8.94	8.44	8.45	8.48
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.21	3.33	3.21	3.00	3.07	2.79	3.57	3.71	3.33	3.00	3.00	2.90	3.40	3.50	3.63
Soap ..	"	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.02	7.02	6.94	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.20	7.20	7.37	7.43	7.43	7.43
Kerosene ..	quart	6.10	6.10	6.28	6.40	6.40	6.63	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.35	7.35	7.25	7.33	7.33	7.50
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.05	20.05	20.05	20.50	20.50	20.50	22.64	22.64	22.64	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.70	20.70	20.70
Cheese, mild ..	"	16.69	16.81	17.06	16.00	16.14	16.50	18.79	18.79	18.79	16.70	16.70	17.70	17.80	17.80	17.80
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	22.15	22.10	22.15	22.36	22.36	22.36	22.50	24.29	26.29	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.20	22.20	22.40
Bacon, rashers(a) ..	lb.	21.05	21.05	21.05	21.36	21.36	21.36	23.21	23.93	23.93	21.13	21.13	22.50	20.75	20.75	20.75
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.65	9.70	9.70	9.71	9.71	9.79	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.80	10.80	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.60
" fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.85	12.45	12.45	13.71	13.36	13.36	16.00	16.00	16.00	13.60	13.40	13.10	10.60	10.50	10.40
" rib ..	"	9.20	8.50	8.50	9.71	9.21	9.21	13.86	13.86	13.86	10.80	10.25	9.88	8.20	8.00	8.00
" steak, rump ..	"	22.00	22.00	22.00	17.71	17.71	17.71	23.00	23.00	23.00	18.00	18.00	13.00	15.60	15.60	15.60
" chuck ..	"	9.15	9.15	9.15	9.93	9.93	9.93	14.14	14.14	14.14	9.20	9.20	9.20	8.40	8.20	8.20
" sausages ..	"	7.95	7.85	7.95	8.64	8.64	8.64	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.20	8.20	8.20
Beef (corned) silver ..	"	9.99	9.85	9.80	10.21	10.22	10.22	16.00	16.00	16.00	11.20	11.20	10.80	9.40	9.40	9.40
" side ..	"	7.35	7.25	7.15	8.07	8.07	8.07	13.86	14.00	14.00	9.80	9.80	9.40	8.00	8.00	8.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	7.00	7.72	7.78	10.57	10.57	10.57	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.60	9.80	10.20	8.60	8.60	8.60
" forequarter ..	"	4.33	4.44	4.39	5.14	5.00	5.00	7.07	6.86	6.86	6.20	6.30	6.10	4.70	4.70	4.70
" loin ..	"	9.06	9.11	9.17	10.07	10.00	10.00	8.71	8.43	8.43	10.20	10.00	10.00	8.40	8.20	8.20
" chops, loin ..	"	10.80	10.44	10.44	10.79	10.71	10.71	12.00	11.57	11.57	11.00	10.80	10.80	9.40	9.20	9.20
" leg ..	"	10.10	9.78	9.72	11.21	10.93	10.93	12.00	11.86	11.86	10.40	10.50	10.80	8.90	8.80	8.80
Pork, leg(a) ..	"	16.60	16.60	16.60	17.86	17.86	17.86	15.57	15.57	15.57	15.60	15.60	15.60	15.00	15.00	15.00
" loin(a) ..	"	17.55	17.55	17.55	18.07	18.07	18.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.80	15.80	15.80	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chops(a) ..	"	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.07	18.07	18.07	16.71	16.71	16.71	16.20	16.20	16.20	15.00	15.00	15.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	280.89	..	..	243.26	..	..	189.30	..	..	221.88	..	..	212.20	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1943; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1943.

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Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.82	5.82	5.82	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.25	6.25	6.25
" self-raising ..	"	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.71	4.71	4.71	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.80	4.80	4.80
Tea ..	lb.	7.40	7.40	7.40	8.29	8.29	8.21	8.07	8.07	8.07	7.80	7.80	7.80	8.10	8.10	8.10
Sugar ..	"	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.21	27.21	27.21	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.40	27.40	27.40
Rice (Australian)(a) ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.28	4.28	4.28	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Sago (a) ..	"	3.60	3.60	3.60	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.80	3.80	3.80
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.17	7.17	7.17	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.64	11.79	11.79	11.86	11.86	12.00	11.90	12.00	12.00	12.20	12.20	12.20
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.86	7.71	7.71	7.57	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.80	7.70	7.60
Raisins, seeded ..	"	3.61	3.64	3.61	3.64	3.64	3.64	3.89	3.93	3.89	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.95	3.95	4.05
Currants ..	"	12.55	12.70	12.80	12.60	12.60	12.58	13.00	13.00	13.13	11.80	11.80	11.80	12.70	13.00	13.00
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	10.29	10.29	10.31	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.30	10.30	10.20	10.70	10.70	10.80
Peaches, canned (a) ..	30 oz.	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	13.00	13.13	13.00	13.00	13.30	13.33	12.90	13.00	13.00	12.00	12.50	13.00	12.88	13.25	13.50
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	13.56	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.30	14.17	13.80	13.80	14.00	12.75	13.33	13.83	13.30	14.25	14.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	20.67	20.67	20.67	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Onions, brown ..	lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.41	8.41	8.42	8.42	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
Soap ..	lb.	2.69	2.69	2.50	2.79	2.71	2.50	2.57	2.21	2.20	2.60	2.60	2.50	2.70	2.70	2.17
Kerosene ..	quart	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.44	7.49	7.49	7.48	7.48	7.31	7.68	7.68	7.68
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	6.49	6.54	6.54	6.93	6.93	6.93	6.95	6.95	6.95	6.35	6.35	6.35	7.35	7.35	7.35
Cheese, mild ..	"	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.43	20.43	20.43	20.86	20.86	20.86	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.80	20.80	20.80
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	16.17	16.22	16.22	15.29	15.29	15.64	16.50	16.57	16.57	15.10	15.10	15.10	15.70	15.80	15.90
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	22.00	22.00	22.00	21.50	21.50	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	25.45	24.78	24.56	24.29	24.29	24.43	24.92	25.09	24.67	23.20	23.20	23.50	24.40	24.50	24.70
" fresh ..	quart	9.85	9.85	9.89	10.14	10.07	10.21	10.71	10.79	10.71	9.90	9.90	10.00	10.40	10.40	10.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	7.35	7.35	7.35	6.80	6.80	6.80	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.20	7.20	7.20	6.25	6.25	6.25
" rib ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.14	13.14	13.14	12.14	12.00	12.14	11.80	11.70	11.70	10.80	10.60	10.80
" steak, rump ..	"	11.55	10.95	10.85	10.71	10.43	9.71	10.14	9.86	9.29	9.60	9.10	8.80	9.60	8.80	8.80
" chuck ..	"	20.60	20.60	20.60	18.14	18.14	18.14	17.43	17.43	17.43	18.20	17.80	17.80	16.20	15.80	16.20
" sausages ..	"	9.85	9.85	9.85	9.29	9.29	9.29	9.86	9.57	9.71	8.80	8.80	8.60	9.00	8.20	8.40
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.57	7.43	7.43	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	7.80	8.00
" brisket ..	"	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.14	12.14	12.14	11.07	11.07	10.93	11.70	11.60	11.60	10.80	10.40	10.60
Mutton, leg ..	"	9.15	8.55	8.45	9.71	9.57	8.86	9.64	9.50	8.79	8.40	7.70	7.70	8.60	8.00	7.80
" forequarter ..	"	10.70	10.35	10.30	10.21	10.07	10.36	10.43	10.07	10.07	9.40	9.80	9.80	10.00	10.60	10.60
" loin ..	"	5.30	5.25	5.20	5.79	5.71	5.36	5.79	5.71	5.36	5.20	4.80	4.80	6.80	6.30	6.30
" chops, loin ..	"	8.80	8.75	8.65	8.43	8.43	7.64	8.14	8.14	8.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	8.00	8.00
" leg ..	"	9.65	9.55	9.50	9.14	9.00	8.29	9.71	9.71	9.00	9.50	8.80	8.80	10.20	9.40	9.40
Pork, leg(a) ..	"	11.50	11.25	11.15	11.14	11.14	11.29	10.29	10.14	10.14	9.70	10.20	10.00	10.40	10.40	10.10
" loin(a) ..	"	15.95	15.95	15.95	15.43	15.43	15.43	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.80	14.80	14.80
" chops(a) ..	"	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.40	15.40	15.40	14.80	14.80	14.80
" ..	"	17.65	17.65	17.65	17.43	17.43	17.43	17.25	17.25	17.25	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
House Rents .. 4 and 5 Rooms ..																
		..	262.58	..	..	178.52	..	..	186.75	..	..	239.32	..	..	234.94	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

**QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1943; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1943.**

RETAIL PRICES.

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Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.75	5.75	5.75
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.05	4.05	4.09	4.71	4.71	4.57	5.71	5.57	5.43	5.40	5.40	5.40	4.60	4.60	4.80
" self-raising ..	"	8.59	8.55	8.64	9.29	9.29	9.36	9.79	9.79	9.86	9.20	9.20	9.50	9.90	9.90	9.60
Tea ..	lb.	27.05	27.00	27.05	27.50	27.50	27.50	28.07	27.93	27.93	27.70	27.70	27.70	27.60	27.60	27.60
Sugar ..	"	3.98	3.98	3.98	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.04	4.04	4.04	4.65	4.65	4.65	3.97	3.97	3.97
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) ..	"	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.25	7.25	7.25	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.38	11.24	11.56	11.79	11.79	12.11	12.21	13.29	13.23	12.58	12.58	12.80	11.85	12.00	12.10
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.71	7.71	7.71	7.93	8.00	8.00	8.20	8.20	8.20	7.60	7.60	7.60
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	3.68	3.68	3.68	4.04	4.04	4.04	4.25	4.30	4.33	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.30	4.30	4.30
Raisins, seeded (a)	"	12.20	12.18	12.19	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.00	13.00	13.68	14.00	13.75	13.78	13.25	13.25	13.30
Currents ..	"	11.17	11.31	11.31	11.21	11.21	11.36	11.29	11.21	11.40	11.50	11.50	11.63	11.10	11.10	11.20
Apricots, dried (a)	"	17.25	17.25	17.25	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.89	13.89	13.89	14.90	14.90	14.90	14.90	14.90	15.70	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.30	14.30	14.30
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	14.43	14.43	14.43	15.20	15.20	15.20	14.79	14.79	16.10	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	21.33	21.33	21.33	24.63	24.63	24.63	20.50	20.50	20.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.79	8.34	8.45	8.66	8.63	8.62	9.47	9.48	9.48	8.48	8.40	11.14	10.38	8.80	8.60
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.00	2.09	1.95	2.71	2.14	2.00	3.33	2.86	2.14	3.50	3.30	2.30	3.20	1.90	1.70
Soap ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.53	7.53	7.53	7.20	7.20	7.20
Kerosene ..	quart	5.59	5.59	5.66	6.36	6.36	6.36	7.36	7.18	7.13	7.61	7.61	7.46	6.61	6.64	6.50
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.91	19.91	19.91	19.93	19.93	19.93	20.21	20.14	20.14	21.60	21.60	21.60	19.80	19.80	19.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	14.95	15.00	15.00	15.21	15.21	15.21	16.14	15.86	15.79	17.80	17.80	17.10	15.30	15.30	15.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	22.00	22.00	22.00	16.14	16.71	18.14	21.67	22.67	24.14	24.00	24.00	26.00	18.25	18.75	19.00
Bacon, rashers(a) ..	lb.	18.75	18.75	18.75	17.67	17.67	17.67	19.21	19.21	19.21	17.70	17.70	17.70	18.25	18.25	18.25
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.50	9.50	9.59	9.79	9.79	9.79	10.43	10.29	10.43	10.00	10.10	10.30	9.80	10.00	10.10
" fresh ..	quart	7.10	7.10	7.10	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.86	6.86	6.86	9.20	9.40	9.40	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.00	12.00	12.15	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.43	10.57	10.57	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.60	11.60	11.60
" rib ..	"	6.85	6.85	6.90	8.50	8.50	8.50	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.00	7.00	7.00	9.40	9.40	9.20
" steak, rump ..	"	16.95	16.95	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	13.71	13.86	13.86	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chuck ..	"	7.75	7.75	7.85	8.93	9.00	9.00	7.71	7.71	7.71	7.40	7.40	7.40	9.40	9.40	9.40
" sausages ..	"	7.64	7.64	7.64	10.00	9.86	10.00	8.14	8.14	8.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.10	9.10	9.10
" (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.60	10.60	10.80	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.30	10.30	10.20
" brisket ..	"	7.65	7.65	7.80	9.43	9.50	9.50	8.57	8.57	8.57	7.00	7.00	7.00	9.30	9.30	9.10
Mutton, leg ..	"	8.40	8.40	8.40	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.00	9.07	9.07	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.20
" forequarter ..	"	4.95	4.95	4.95	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.14	6.14	6.14	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
" loin ..	"	7.40	7.40	7.40	9.29	9.29	9.21	8.86	9.00	9.03	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" chops, loin ..	"	8.45	8.40	8.45	9.14	9.00	9.07	9.00	9.07	9.07	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" leg ..	"	7.89	7.94	7.94	9.83	10.00	9.83	9.00	9.07	9.07	8.40	8.40	8.40	10.00	10.00	10.00
Pork, leg(a) ..	"	16.07	16.07	16.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
" loin(a) ..	"	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	12.00	12.00	12.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
" chops(a) ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	12.00	12.00	12.00	16.80	16.80	16.80
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	282.49	..	..	216.22	..	..	207.15	..	..	217.65	..	..	168.48	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1943; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1943.

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PRINCE.			MT. GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.93	5.00	5.00	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.15	7.15	7.15	8.71	8.71	8.71	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.20	9.20	9.20	8.63	8.63	8.63
Tea ..	lb.	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.89	27.89	27.89	27.14	27.14	27.14	27.20	27.20	27.20	23.60	23.60	23.60
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) (a)	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Sago (a) ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	13.15	13.15	13.15	13.64	13.79	13.79	13.83	13.83	13.83	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.63	13.63	13.63
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.95	6.95	6.95	8.36	8.43	8.43	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.63	8.63	8.63
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.50	3.48	3.48	3.90	3.90	3.90	4.05	4.05	4.05	3.81	3.88	3.88	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.55	11.65	11.65	12.43	12.64	12.50	13.19	13.26	13.26	12.80	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Currants ..	"	9.56	9.90	9.90	10.57	10.57	10.64	16.67	16.67	16.67	17.67	17.67	17.67	18.00	18.00	18.00
Apricots, dried (a)	"	17.38	17.38	17.38	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.83	15.83	15.83	13.33	13.33	14.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.42	13.42	13.42	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	13.75	13.75	13.75	14.67	14.67	14.67
Pears, canned (a)	"	13.30	13.30	13.30	14.75	14.75	14.75	19.00	19.00	19.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.80	20.80	20.80	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	8.69	8.69	8.69	10.38	10.38	10.38
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.81	8.89	8.40	10.17	10.17	10.17	10.16	10.16	10.16	2.88	2.88	2.50	3.25	3.25	3.33
Onions, brown (a)	lb.	2.90	2.90	2.90	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.64	3.50	3.07	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Soap ..	"	7.36	7.36	7.36	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.38	7.38	7.38	6.23	6.23	6.23	6.44	6.44	6.44
Kerosene ..	quart	5.64	5.64	5.64	6.29	6.29	6.29	6.61	6.61	6.61	6.23	6.23	6.23	6.44	6.44	6.44
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.71	21.71	21.57	20.86	20.86	20.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.88	20.88	20.88
Cheese, mild ..	"	14.67	14.67	14.67	16.33	16.29	16.29	16.83	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	22.30	22.30	22.35	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.17	18.14	18.14	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	19.90	20.00	20.00	20.29	20.43	20.43	21.86	21.86	21.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	22.00	22.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.30	9.30	9.30	10.21	10.29	10.29	10.21	10.21	10.21	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.75	9.75	9.75
" fresh ..	quart	6.50	6.50	6.50	7.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.05	12.05	12.05	11.29	11.29	11.29	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.60	11.40	11.40	8.33	8.33	8.33
" rib ..	"	9.78	9.78	9.78	10.43	10.43	10.43	9.86	9.86	9.86	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.33	8.33	8.33
" steak, rump ..	"	16.50	16.50	16.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chuck ..	"	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.43	10.43	10.43	12.00	12.00	12.00	7.60	7.60	7.60	9.00	9.00	9.00
" sausages ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.29	7.29	7.29	8.00	8.00	8.00	5.80	5.80	5.80	6.33	6.33	6.33
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.86	11.86	11.86	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.33	11.33	11.33
" brisket ..	"	8.55	8.55	8.55	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.60	8.60	8.60	9.33	9.33	9.33
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.93	8.93	8.93	10.14	10.14	10.14	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.33	9.33	9.33
" forequarter ..	"	4.65	4.55	4.55	5.93	5.79	5.79	6.43	6.43	6.43	4.60	4.40	4.40	4.83	4.83	4.83
" loin ..	"	7.90	7.75	7.75	7.86	7.71	7.71	7.57	7.64	7.64	7.60	7.07	7.07	7.67	7.33	7.33
" chops, loin ..	"	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.40	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
" leg ..	"	10.20	10.20	10.20	9.43	9.14	9.14	10.57	10.21	10.21	8.80	8.80	8.80	10.00	9.67	9.67
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.14	13.14	13.14	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
" loin (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.57	12.57	12.57	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chops (a) ..	"	14.90	14.90	14.90	12.57	12.57	12.57	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
House Rents	4 and 5 Rooms	..	240.72	..	..	96.61	..	..	179.48	..	..	179.81	..	..	190.32	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1943 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1943.

RETAIL PRICES.

Article.	Unit.	PERTH AND FREMANTLE.			KALGOORLIE AND BOULDER.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.20	5.20	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	8.00	7.95	7.95	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.38	8.38	8.38	8.13	8.17	8.33	8.93	8.93	9.00
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.86	28.86	28.86	27.63	27.63	27.63	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.90	27.90	27.90
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.96	4.96	4.96	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.17	4.17	4.21	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) (a)	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.17	5.17	5.17	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago (a) ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.25	11.05	11.00	12.86	12.79	12.79	12.00	12.00	11.63	11.75	11.75	11.50	12.20	12.20	12.00
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.88	7.94	7.95	10.80	10.57	10.57	9.33	9.33	8.67	9.25	9.17	9.33	9.75	9.13	9.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.06	4.07	4.07	4.38	4.38	4.33	4.17	4.17	4.33	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.30	4.30	5.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.00	12.11	12.60	13.17	13.29	13.29	12.00	12.00	13.17	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.13	13.50
Currants ..	"	10.22	10.23	10.30	11.36	11.36	11.36	10.38	10.38	10.33	10.50	10.63	10.75	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.06	19.06	19.06	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	14.29	14.14	14.00	16.86	16.86	16.86	15.33	15.33	15.00	15.00	16.33	15.33	15.90	15.90	15.00
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	15.10	14.71	14.50	17.14	17.14	17.14	15.33	15.33	15.50	16.00	16.00	15.75	16.60	16.60	15.50
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	24.67	24.67	24.67	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes (a) ..	7 lb.	8.41	8.42	8.42	9.70	10.00	9.71	8.67	8.75	8.63	8.58	8.85	8.48	9.00	9.20	9.30
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.40	3.05	2.75	3.86	3.86	3.50	4.50	3.38	2.63	4.00	4.00	3.50	3.70	3.60	3.40
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.42	7.42	7.33	7.58	7.58	7.33	7.47	7.47	7.67
Kerosene ..	quart	6.57	6.58	6.60	8.65	8.65	8.65	6.85	6.85	7.13	7.50	7.50	7.40	7.58	7.58	7.63
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.79	23.79	23.79	22.00	22.00	21.50	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	22.00	21.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.85	17.45	16.90	18.50	18.50	18.50	17.50	17.50	17.63	17.75	17.75	17.88	18.40	18.40	17.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	21.90	21.90	21.90	22.14	23.43	24.86	18.00	19.00	21.00	17.00	17.00	17.50	18.00	13.00	19.20
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	19.80	19.90	20.35	20.43	20.86	20.71	19.50	19.50	21.00	18.63	18.63	20.13	19.50	19.50	21.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.50	9.60	9.90	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.63	9.63	10.13	10.00	10.00	10.25	10.80	10.80	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.50	12.50	12.60	12.29	12.29	12.29	11.63	11.63	11.63	12.20	12.20	12.20	12.50	12.50	12.50
" rib ..	"	10.80	10.80	10.90	11.29	11.29	11.29	11.13	11.13	11.13	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.50	10.50	10.50
" steak, rump ..	"	18.65	18.65	18.65	18.21	18.21	18.21	18.38	18.38	18.38	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.50	18.50	18.50
" " chuck ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.21	12.21	12.21	11.88	11.88	11.88	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.50	11.50	11.50
" sausages ..	"	8.70	8.70	8.70	10.07	10.07	10.07	8.33	8.33	8.25	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Beef (corned) silver-																
side ..	"	11.10	11.10	11.10	12.43	12.43	12.43	11.63	11.63	11.63	10.20	10.20	10.20	11.50	11.50	11.50
" brisket ..	"	8.85	8.85	8.95	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.20	8.20	8.20	9.50	9.50	9.50
Mutton, leg ..	"	9.70	9.70	9.70	10.57	10.57	10.57	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" forequarter ..	"	5.95	5.95	6.00	6.64	6.64	6.64	6.13	6.13	6.13	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.00	6.00	6.00
" loin ..	"	9.70	9.70	9.70	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.75	8.75	8.75	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.33	11.33	11.33
" chops, loin ..	"	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.93	10.93	10.93	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" " leg ..	"	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.93	10.93	10.93	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.00	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	14.80	14.30	14.30	15.00	15.00	15.00	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.20	12.20	12.20	14.00	14.00	14.00
" loin (a) ..	"	14.80	14.30	14.30	14.71	14.71	14.71	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chops (a) ..	"	14.80	14.30	14.30	15.57	15.57	15.57	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	238.70	..	..	260.69	..	..	226.01	..	..	244.13	..	..	266.11	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1943; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1943.**

RETAIL PRICES.

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.90	5.90	5.90	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.10	4.10	4.10	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
" self-raising ..	"	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.29	7.29	7.29	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.75	7.75	7.75
Tea ..	lb.	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.00	27.00	27.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.86	3.86	3.86	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.17	4.17	4.17
Sago(a) ..	"	7.63	7.63	7.63	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.67	7.67	7.67
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	9.50	9.60	9.60	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.70	9.70	9.70	9.50	9.50	9.50
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	8.25	8.25	8.25	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.80	7.80	7.80	9.50	9.50	9.50
Oats, flaked(a) ..	lb.	4.05	4.00	4.00	3.68	3.68	3.68	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.70	3.70	3.70	4.75	4.75	4.75
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.20	12.25	12.25	12.07	11.93	12.00	12.30	12.30	12.30	12.30	12.30	12.30	12.88	12.88	12.88
Currants ..	"	10.63	10.80	10.80	10.57	10.57	10.57	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.25	11.25	11.25
Apricots, dried(a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.25	16.25	16.25	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.25	18.25	18.25
Peaches, canned(a)	30 oz.	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.30	13.30	13.30	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.50	14.50	14.25
Pears, canned(a) ..	"	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.20	13.20	13.20	12.83	12.83	12.83	14.33	14.33	14.33	14.25	14.67	14.63
Salmon, in tins(a)	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.17	22.17	22.17	19.83	19.83	19.83
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.20	8.40	8.18	7.88	8.40	8.32	8.32	8.40	9.21	8.79	10.80
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.20	3.22	3.22	3.86	2.71	2.95	3.10	3.00	3.10	3.80	3.10	3.00	3.38	3.30	3.33
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.33	7.33	7.33
Kerosene ..	quart	7.90	7.90	7.84	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75	8.72	8.72	8.72
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.25	20.25	20.25
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.67	17.56	17.60	15.86	15.86	15.71	16.90	16.90	16.90	17.20	17.20	17.20	17.33	17.33	17.33
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	22.00	22.00	22.00	20.60	22.00	21.83	22.00	22.00	21.75	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.25	23.25	23.25
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.89	20.89	20.89	20.00	20.29	20.43	20.60	20.60	20.60	19.90	19.90	19.90	20.33	20.33	20.33
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.05	10.10	10.10	9.93	9.93	9.93	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.38	10.38	10.38
" fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.33	7.33	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.67	10.67	11.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.60	13.60	12.45	11.93	11.93	11.07	11.75	11.75	11.50	11.67	11.67	10.33	12.67	12.67	12.00
" rib ..	"	11.45	11.15	10.45	9.64	9.75	9.08	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.33	11.33	10.00	12.00	12.00	11.67
" steak, rump ..	"	18.80	18.80	18.00	15.57	15.71	14.71	14.75	14.75	14.50	14.00	14.00	12.67	16.67	16.67	15.33
" chuck ..	"	11.45	11.45	10.05	9.07	9.07	8.71	10.00	10.00	9.75	10.00	10.33	9.00	12.33	12.33	11.33
" sausages ..	"	7.90	7.90	7.80	7.57	7.57	7.43	8.50	8.50	8.25	8.33	8.33	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	12.70	12.70	11.65	11.14	11.14	10.64	12.38	12.38	12.13	11.33	11.33	10.33	13.00	13.00	12.00
" brisket ..	"	11.00	11.00	9.85	9.79	9.79	9.14	10.38	10.38	10.13	10.00	10.00	9.33	12.00	12.00	11.33
Mutton, leg ..	"	11.90	11.80	10.40	11.79	10.57	9.71	14.25	14.25	14.00	13.00	13.00	11.33	13.50	13.50	12.00
" forequarter ..	"	7.75	7.55	5.95	7.86	7.29	6.57	11.00	11.25	10.25	11.33	10.33	9.33	10.83	10.83	9.33
" loin ..	"	11.30	11.00	9.65	9.86	9.21	8.57	13.75	13.75	13.50	12.33	12.33	11.67	13.83	13.83	12.00
" chops, loin ..	"	12.25	12.05	11.10	13.00	11.79	11.07	14.75	14.75	14.25	13.33	13.33	12.00	13.83	13.83	12.00
" leg ..	"	12.72	12.50	11.44	13.00	11.79	11.07	14.75	14.75	14.25	12.67	13.00	12.00	13.83	13.83	12.00
Pork, leg ..	"	16.10	16.10	16.10	14.86	14.86	15.14	14.25	14.25	14.25	13.67	13.67	13.67	14.33	14.33	14.33
" loin ..	"	16.30	16.30	16.40	15.00	15.00	15.29	14.50	14.50	14.50	13.67	13.67	13.67	14.33	14.33	14.33
" chops ..	"	17.30	17.30	17.10	15.57	15.57	15.57	14.75	14.75	14.75	13.67	13.67	13.67	14.33	14.33	14.33
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms		250.97			231.68			213.93			193.64			202.31	

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base: 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri- cultural Pro- duce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Gro- ceries.	Meat.	Building Ma- terials.	Chem- icals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,881	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,536	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,104	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,442	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	835	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,003
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,064	1,024	1,252	1,128	905	1,088
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,149
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,102	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,435	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,604
1917..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,068
1920..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,900	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,665	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,885
1925..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,982	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,736	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,553	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,343	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,437	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,261	1,238	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,634	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,362	1,563	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941..	1,980	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,937	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,937	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 83 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index numbers back to 1928-29 are published on the next page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported.	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 ..	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1935-36 ..	920	952	997	991	879	930	917	945	918	926
1936-37 ..	962	984	1,185	988	1,106	989	974	991	980	984
1937-38 ..	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	969	1,041	997	1,018	1,000	1,005
1938-39 ..	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1939-40 ..	1,051	1,152	1,038	1,068	1,163	1,084	1,012	1,106	1,025	1,047
1940-41 ..	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42 ..	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43 ..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,383	1,628	1,276	1,760	1,210	1,372
1940-41										
July ..	1,060	1,362	1,077	1,221	1,208	1,220	1,052	1,240	1,063	1,115
August ..	1,060	1,356	1,063	1,231	1,206	1,288	1,067	1,251	1,082	1,131
September ..	1,060	1,353	1,079	1,231	1,207	1,288	1,073	1,247	1,088	1,135
October ..	1,067	1,364	1,095	1,229	1,216	1,288	1,076	1,274	1,083	1,140
November ..	1,067	1,364	1,092	1,237	1,277	1,288	1,042	1,269	1,062	1,123
December ..	1,067	1,368	1,097	1,237	1,270	1,288	1,102	1,356	1,072	1,156
January ..	1,075	1,367	1,099	1,238	1,254	1,283	1,109	1,357	1,077	1,161
February ..	1,076	1,365	1,097	1,238	1,245	1,284	1,067	1,362	1,043	1,138
March ..	1,076	1,366	1,118	1,241	1,256	1,284	1,059	1,362	1,037	1,133
April ..	1,088	1,410	1,131	1,241	1,287	1,284	1,082	1,382	1,043	1,143
May ..	1,090	1,410	1,153	1,241	1,355	1,307	1,061	1,401	1,040	1,147
June ..	1,090	1,411	1,155	1,241	1,295	1,307	1,064	1,402	1,041	1,149
1941-42—										
July ..	1,123	1,412	1,131	1,241	1,300	1,310	1,099	1,416	1,070	1,172
August ..	1,127	1,437	1,145	1,265	1,299	1,310	1,130	1,425	1,097	1,195
September ..	1,165	1,461	1,157	1,363	1,299	1,310	1,144	1,472	1,108	1,215
October ..	1,165	1,465	1,172	1,363	1,302	1,317	1,144	1,491	1,102	1,217
November ..	1,165	1,491	1,177	1,391	1,339	1,326	1,146	1,527	1,097	1,225
December ..	1,173	1,489	1,171	1,391	1,364	1,326	1,125	1,516	1,088	1,215
January ..	1,173	1,522	1,166	1,406	1,420	1,326	1,130	1,511	1,102	1,223
February ..	1,175	1,530	1,185	1,406	1,432	1,326	1,154	1,507	1,124	1,237
March ..	1,175	1,576	1,197	1,408	1,365	1,326	1,160	1,523	1,130	1,246
April ..	1,206	1,574	1,221	1,408	1,364	1,326	1,191	1,540	1,154	1,269
May ..	1,208	1,574	1,242	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,270	1,680	1,181	1,327
June ..	1,213	1,574	1,238	1,410	1,361	1,514	1,326	1,694	1,219	1,358
1942-43—										
July ..	1,213	1,590	1,363	1,410	1,361	1,514	1,311	1,653	1,232	1,356
August ..	1,234	1,644	1,359	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,318	1,661	1,247	1,369
September ..	1,237	1,644	1,381	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,334	1,724	1,237	1,379
October ..	1,302	1,649	1,386	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,292	1,721	1,219	1,367
November ..	1,308	1,651	1,391	1,425	1,361	1,629	1,281	1,750	1,205	1,365
December ..	1,308	1,684	1,484	1,425	1,358	1,691	1,255	1,801	1,193	1,371
January ..	1,308	1,686	1,544	1,425	1,406	1,691	1,210	1,791	1,166	1,349
February ..	1,308	1,688	1,535	1,429	1,406	1,701	1,234	1,790	1,185	1,363
March ..	1,308	1,693	1,544	1,429	1,406	1,701	1,253	1,802	1,200	1,377
April ..	1,310	1,693	1,521	1,430	1,406	1,709	1,266	1,807	1,205	1,382
May ..	1,310	1,693	1,573	1,430	1,406	1,709	1,267	1,801	1,211	1,384
June ..	1,310	1,693	1,574	1,430	1,406	1,741	1,291	1,824	1,222	1,399
1943-44—										
July ..	1,310	1,694	1,569	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,298	1,824	1,228	1,404
August ..	1,310	1,694	1,541	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,284	1,823	1,217	1,395
September ..	1,310	1,694	1,502	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,291	1,823	1,219	1,398
October ..	1,310	1,694	1,507	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,280	1,825	1,211	1,392
November ..	1,310	1,694	1,436	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,280	1,843	1,202	1,391
December ..	1,310	1,694	1,499	1,433	1,406	1,743	1,275	1,835	1,204	1,389

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 34 Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1928-29	1,167	1,289	1,221	1,234	1,235	487	1,213
1935-36	937	989	868	947	907	1,004	947
1936-37	1,109	1,105	929	1,073	982	993	1,063
1937-38	992	1,017	1,012	1,008	1,085	996	1,014
1938-39	899	878	1,059	919	933	1,011	923
1939-40	887	1,021	1,066	982	974	1,115	985
1940-41	996	1,088	1,030	1,045	1,119	1,223	1,056
1941-42(b) ..	1,034	1,124	1,074	1,083	1,167	1,226	1,094
1942-43(b) ..	1,064	1,269	1,126	1,170	1,251	1,199	1,177
1942-43—(b)							
July	1,053	1,328	1,116	1,190	1,263	1,199	1,193
August	1,060	1,352	1,125	1,206	1,274	1,199	1,208
September ..	1,058	1,320	1,131	1,197	1,274	1,199	1,181
October	1,075	1,274	1,131	1,177	1,274	1,199	1,187
November ..	1,080	1,235	1,128	1,161	1,285	1,199	1,167
December ..	1,058	1,238	1,131	1,155	1,285	1,199	1,164
January	1,041	1,221	1,122	1,139	1,285	1,199	1,151
February ..	1,054	1,242	1,118	1,152	1,285	1,199	1,164
March	1,081	1,244	1,128	1,164	1,285	1,199	1,175
April	1,069	1,244	1,127	1,161	1,286	1,199	1,171
May	1,058	1,253	1,127	1,161	1,286	1,199	1,171
June	1,082	1,269	1,122	1,176	1,285	1,199	1,185
1943-44—(b)							
July	1,074	1,290	1,118	1,182	1,296	1,199	1,191
August	1,060	1,290	1,113	1,176	1,296	1,199	1,186
September ..	1,070	1,290	1,115	1,180	1,296	1,199	1,189
October	1,072	1,283	1,116	1,177	1,296	1,199	1,187
November ..	1,080	1,269	1,115	1,173	1,296	1,199	1,183
December ..	1,098	1,269	1,115	1,179	1,296	1,199	1,189

(a) Year ended December previous.
average wholesale prices in the period shown.

(b) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Year.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Month.	1941-42.		1942-43.		1943-44.	
				Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.
1928-29	1,205	1,173	July ..	1,035	1,049	1,134	1,139	1,145	1,148
1931-32	714	718	August ..	1,037	1,051	1,133	1,138	1,154	1,157
1932-33	698	705	September ..	1,039	1,052	1,134	1,139	1,149	1,152
1933-34	959	896	October ..	1,043	1,056	1,132	1,136	1,155	1,159
1934-35	741	753	November ..	1,048	1,061	1,133	1,138	1,171	1,172
1935-36	942	946	December ..	1,049	1,061	1,132	1,136	1,172	1,175
1936-37	1,155	1,144							
1937-38	1,024	1,022	January ..	1,052	1,063	1,138	1,143	..	..
1938-39	821	834	February ..	1,051	1,062	1,137	1,141	..	..
1939-40	964	980	March ..	1,051	1,062	1,142	1,147	..	..
1940-41	1,026	1,039	April ..	1,052	1,063	1,142	1,147	..	..
1941-42	1,047	1,059	May ..	1,054	1,064	1,142	1,147	..	..
1942-43	1,137	1,142	June ..	1,049	1,058	1,142	1,147	..	..

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

† (Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.		Retail Price Index-numbers.				Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (a)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unionists.
		Food and Groceries.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). "B" Series.	All Items of House- hold Ex- penditure. "C" Series.			
Year—								%
1911 ..	..	1,000	1,000	1,000	(b)1,000	1,000	(b)1,000	4.7
1914 ..	..	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921 ..	..	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2
1928 ..	..	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8
1938 ..	..	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,488	1,799	1,209	8.7
1939 ..	..	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1940 ..	..	1,679	1,590	1,644	1,588	1,889	1,190	8.0
1941 ..	..	1,693	1,595	1,654	1,673	1,997	1,194	3.7
1942 ..	..	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,809	2,164	1,196	1.6
1943 ..	..	1,855	1,595	1,749	1,876	..	..	1.1
Quarter—								
December	1933.	1,355	1,311	1,339	1,337	1,570	1,174	23.0
March	1934.	1,371	1,315	1,350	1,344	1,572	1,170	21.9
June	..	1,404	1,319	1,372	1,358	1,592	1,172	20.9
September	..	1,401	1,331	1,375	1,357	1,596	1,176	20.4
December	..	1,422	1,332	1,388	1,361	1,599	1,175	18.8
March	1935.	1,420	1,356	1,396	1,368	1,607	1,175	18.6
June	..	1,425	1,363	1,402	1,371	1,609	1,174	17.8
September	..	1,461	1,379	1,430	1,389	1,613	1,161	15.9
December	..	1,460	1,390	1,434	1,391	1,620	1,165	13.7
March	1936.	1,445	1,413	1,433	1,391	1,623	1,167	13.4
June	..	1,455	1,425	1,444	1,397	1,629	1,166	12.8
September	..	1,489	1,449	1,474	1,420	1,641	1,156	12.0
December	..	1,510	1,461	1,491	1,430	1,659	1,160	10.7
March	1937.	1,510	1,470	1,495	1,433	1,662	1,160	9.9
June	..	1,507	1,483	1,498	1,441	1,680	1,166	9.7
September	..	1,526	1,499	1,516	1,454	1,721	1,184	9.3
December	..	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2
March	1938.	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0
June	..	1,572	1,534	1,558	1,482	1,787	1,206	8.6
September	..	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2
December	..	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.9
March	1939.	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June	..	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September	..	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December	..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
March	1940.	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9
June	..	1,638	1,589	1,649	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5
September	..	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4
December	..	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,635	1,912	1,169	6.2
March	1941.	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3
June	..	1,679	1,595	1,646	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6
September	..	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2
December	..	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,707	2,034	1,192	2.9
March	1942.	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,746	2,091	1,198	1.8
June	..	1,832	1,596	1,736	1,793	2,127	1,186	1.7
September	..	1,887	1,595	1,768	1,835	2,182	1,189	1.6
December	..	1,880	1,595	1,764	1,800	2,257	1,213	1.3
March	1943.	1,860	1,595	1,752	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2
June	..	1,891	1,595	1,771	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1
September	..	1,853	1,594	1,748	1,880	2,331	1,240	1.1
December	..	1,815	1,595	1,726	1,864	..	..	1.1

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(b) Taken back from true base (November, 1914=1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) index.

† The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.		Years.						
		1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1942.
Population(a)	Males	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,621,058
	Females	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,575,564
	Persons	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,196,622
Births	No.	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	136,708
	Rate	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	19.06
Deaths	No.	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	75,191
	Rate	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.49
Marriages	No.	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	86,060
	Rate	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	12.00
		1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1940-41.
Agriculture—								
Wheat	Area, acs.	2,995,814	3,334,957	5,115,965	7,427,834	9,719,042	14,741,313	12,644,646
	Yld., bshl.	21,443,862	25,675,265	38,561,619	71,636,847	129,088,806	190,612,188	82,233,324
Oats	Area, acs.	194,816	246,129	461,430	616,794	733,406	1,065,459	1,722,902
	Yld., bshl.	4,795,897	5,726,256	9,789,854	9,561,833	12,147,433	15,194,680	10,199,218
Barley	Area, acs.	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	5.82
	Yld., bshl.	1,353,380	1,178,560	1,519,819	2,056,836	6,085,685	6,290,672	7,133,620
Maize	Area, acs.	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	13.37	9.42
	Yld., bshl.	165,777	284,423	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	362,861
Hay	Area, acs.	5,726,266	9,261,922	7,034,786	8,939,855	7,840,438	7,062,353	9,192,744
	Yld., tons	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	25.33
Potatoes(b)	Area, acs.	768,338	942,166	1,688,402	2,518,351	2,994,519	2,634,680	2,353,506
	Yld., tons	767,194	1,067,255	2,024,608	2,867,973	3,902,189	3,167,459	2,177,470
Sugar-cane(c)	Area, acs.	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	0.93
	Yld., tons	76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	122,990
Vineyards	Area, acs.	243,216	380,477	322,524	301,439	338,091	397,102	459,989
	Yld., tons	3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.74
Wool production, (d)	Area, acs.	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	273,491
	Yld., tons	349,627	737,573	1,367,802	1,682,250	2,436,890	4,213,453	5,523,416
Live Stock	Area, acs.	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.20
	Yld., gal.	1,438,060	3,437,598	5,262,447	4,975,147	8,542,573	14,190,522	16,009,262
Total gross value of agricultural production		£ 15,519,000	£ 16,988,000	£ 23,835,000	£ 23,774,000	£ 81,890,000	£ 74,489,000	£ 71,398,000
Pastoral, dairying, &c.—								
Live Stock	Sheep No.	65,092,719	106,421,068	72,040,211	96,886,234	86,119,068	110,618,893	122,694,095
	Cattle "	8,010,991	11,112,112	8,491,428	11,828,954	14,441,309	12,260,955	13,255,841
	Horses "	1,088,029	1,584,737	1,620,420	2,278,226	2,438,182	1,775,550	1,665,616
Butter production	Pigs "	303,188	845,888	931,309	1,110,721	960,385	1,167,845	1,797,340
	lb.	319,649,000	634,046,000	539,395,000	798,391,000	723,059,000	1,007,456,000	1,141,775,000
Cheese production	(e)		42,314,585	103,747,295	212,073,745	267,071,340	390,654,070	432,082,922
	(e)		10,130,945	11,845,153	15,886,712	32,653,003	31,422,973	60,004,440
Bacon and ham	(e)		16,771,886	34,020,629	53,335,092	58,626,469	71,121,740	89,373,119
Total gross value of pastoral and dairying production		£ 29,538,000	£ 39,256,000	£ 36,890,000	£ 72,883,000	£ 119,399,000	£ 103,018,000	£ 173,755,000
		1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.
Mineral production—								
Gold	£	5,194,390	5,281,861	14,017,538	10,551,624	4,018,685	3,563,519	15,990,550
	£	45,622	3,736,352	2,248,598	3,022,177	1,539,992	1,443,897	6,255,860
Silver and Lead	£	714,003	367,373	2,215,431	2,564,278	803,957	567,558	1,505,200
	£	1,145,889	560,502	448,234	1,209,973	418,418	216,205	1,001,179
Copper	£	200	2,979	4,067	1,415,169	233,455	512,795	1,589,913
	£	637,865	1,912,353	2,602,733	3,927,360	11,014,831	6,355,246	10,871,870
Total value of all mineral production		£ 7,820,290	£ 12,074,106	£ 21,816,772	£ 23,302,878	£ 19,997,384	£ 13,352,316	£ 41,256,888
Forestry production—								
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn—								
'000 sup. ft.		(e)	(e)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	893,584
Factories—								
No. of factories	No.				14,455	18,023	21,657	26,971
	No.				311,710	378,540	336,658	725,342
Wages paid	£				27,528,377	68,050,861	55,931,818	180,052,212
	£				51,259,004	121,674,119	110,981,830	316,439,028
Total value of output					£ 133,022,090	£ 320,331,765	£ 281,645,785	£ 773,058,971

(a) At 31st December. (b) Partly estimated for 1881. (c) Area of productive cane. (d) In terms of greasy. (e) Information not available. (f) Years ended December, except for last two columns which refer to years ended June. (g) Owing to variation in classification and lack of information, effective comparison is impossible.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA—continued.

Heading.	Years.						
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.
Shipping—							
Oversea vessels { No. ent. & cleared { tons	3,284	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057 (a)	3,814
Commerce—	2,549,364	4,726,307	6,541,991	9,984,801	9,081,278	11,395,784	(a) 13,545,712
Imports, oversea £	29,067,000	37,711,000	42,434,000	66,967,488	103,066,436	44,712,868	(b) 149,355,797
" per head £	12/16/2	11/16/0	11/3/11	14/18/2	18/14/1	6/16/6	20/18/6
Exports, oversea £	27,528,000	36,043,000	49,696,000	79,482,258	127,846,535	85,842,887	bc127,208,381
" per head £	12/2/8	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/10	23/4/1	13/1/11	17/16/6
Total oversea trade £	56,595,000	73,754,000	92,130,000	146,449,746	230,912,971	130,555,755	b 276,564,178
" per head £	24/18/10	23/1/6	24/6/1	32/12/0	41/18/2	19/18/5	38/15/0
Customs and Excise duties .. £	4,809,326	7,440,869	8,656,530	13,515,005	27,565,199	28,524,996	56,777,344
" per head £	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/19/1
Principal Oversea Exports (d)—							
Wool .. lb. (e) .. £	328,369,200	619,259,800	518,013,100	720,364,900	927,833,700	893,644,148	(f)
" .. cental .. £	13,173,026	19,940,029	15,237,454	26,071,193	47,977,044	52,102,246	58,040,901
Wheat .. £	3,218,792	5,876,875	12,156,035	33,088,704	59,968,334	76,440,003	(f)
" .. tons .. £	1,189,762	1,938,864	2,774,643	9,641,608	28,644,155	19,220,203	4,644,793
Flour .. £	49,549	33,363	96,814	175,891	359,734	610,858	(f)
Butter .. lb. .. £	519,635	328,423	589,604	1,391,529	5,519,881	3,839,237	4,191,382
Hides and skins .. £	1,298,800	4,239,500	34,607,400	101,722,100	127,347,400	201,639,404	10,259,002
Tallow .. £	39,383	206,868	1,451,168	4,637,362	7,968,078	10,250,002	8,124,975
Meats .. £	316,878	873,695	1,250,988	3,227,236	5,136,810	2,315,594	5,981,589
Timber (undressed) .. £	644,149	571,069	677,745	1,935,836	1,441,795	831,415	841,719
Gold .. £	362,965	460,894	2,611,244	4,303,159	5,542,102	6,370,012	14,094,013
Silver and lead .. £	118,117	38,448	731,301	1,023,960	1,158,166	432,595	320,400
Copper .. £	6,445,365	5,703,532	14,315,741	12,045,766	3,483,239	12,694,786	(f)
Coal .. £	57,954	1,932,278	2,250,253	3,212,584	2,697,130	2,902,056	(f)
Govt. Railways—							
Lgth. of line open, mls. .. £	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,502	26,959	27,241
Capital cost .. £	42,741,350	99,764,090	123,223,779	152,194,603	244,353,233	323,365,450	323,545,989
Gross revenue .. £	3,910,122	8,654,085	11,038,468	17,847,837	38,194,030	37,579,965	66,481,738
Working expenses .. £	2,141,735	5,630,182	7,133,617	10,945,727	29,817,970	28,141,984	51,043,094
Per cent. of working expenses on earnings %	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78
Postal—							
Letters and post-cards dealt with .. No.	67,640,000	157,297,000	220,853,000	453,063,000	561,973,105	g731,134,500	g941,815,900
" .. per head ..	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	131.96
Newspapers dealt with .. No.	38,063,000	85,280,000	102,727,000	141,638,000	140,477,184	139,502,100	158,058,700
" .. per head ..	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.80	22.15
Cheque-paying Banks (h)—							
Note circulation .. £	3,978,711	4,417,269	3,399,462	3,718,458	(i) 213,868	197,121	(j) 166,584
Coin and bullion held .. £	9,108,243	16,712,923	19,780,528	33,470,770	21,626,830	2,882,026	(j) 5,138,938
Advances .. £	57,732,824	129,741,583	86,352,832	108,578,774	193,435,767	k260,917,515	jk277,070,034
Deposits .. £	53,849,455	98,345,338	91,487,148	143,446,910	l273,866,737	l319,241,333	jk631,613,250
Savings Banks (m)—							
Total deposits .. £	7,854,480	15,536,592	30,882,645	59,393,682	154,396,051	197,966,308	n 414,298,000
Aver. per head of population .. £	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	57/5/9
State Schools—							
Number of Schools ..	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,060	9,445	10,097	9,535
Teachers .. No.	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120	33,762	32,066
Enrolment ..	432,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	819,042	936,901	886,655
Aver. attendance ..	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,799	666,498	817,262	732,116

(a) 1938-39 figures. (b) Merchandise only. (c) British currency values. The recorded values were: Exports, 1931-32, £A109,034,065; and 1941-42, £A159,328,498, *vide* page 15. (d) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. (e) In terms of greasy. (f) Not available for publication. (g) Includes packets. (h) Figures for the first three years are averages for the December quarter; the remainder for the June quarter. (i) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (j) Quarter ended December, 1943. (k) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate (Commonwealth Bank) excluded. (l) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits. (m) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June. (n) At 31st December, 1943.